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SHOLING'S WEMBLEY WONDERS



WE'VE DONE IT! Sholing skipper Byron Mason holds aloft the FA Vase trophy with team manager Dave Diaper.

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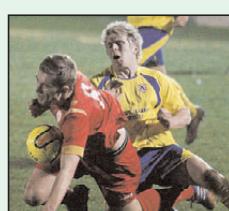
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MAURICIO Pochettino insists that Saints have achieved as much as was possible this season and will need a huge investment to move on further as speculation continues around his own future.

No matter what the result in the final day game against Manchester United

at St Mary's on Sunday, Saints will achieve an eighth place finish, matching their best of the Premier League era. Just a draw will see them record their highest top flight points total in 29 years, writes ADAM LEITCH.

However, they are in danger of becoming victims of their own success.

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PREMIER LEAGUE YOUNG STARS OF THE SEASON

ROSS BARKLEY

English football has long been waiting for a successor to Gazzetta - but without the self-destructive elements - and Everton's 20-year-old midfielder looks as close as they come. Hugely gifted, great at carrying the ball forward and the scorer of some sensational goals, the future looks hugely exciting for him.

RAHEEM STERLING

Liverpool's 19-year-old had had his first-team chances before this season but too often flattered to deceive. The change came in December when he showed his versatility as both a winger and a key part of an attacking triangle involving Daniel Sturridge and Luis Suarez. By February, Reds boss Brendan Rodgers was calling him "the best young player in Europe right now".

LUKE SHAW

The Southampton full-back only turned 18 just before the start of the season but made light of his youth as a key part of Saints' exciting pack of young English players. He made the left-back spot his own to such an extent he was picked in that position for the PFA team of the year - and found himself at the centre of a transfer frenzy ahead of the summer window opening.

ADNAN JANUZAJ

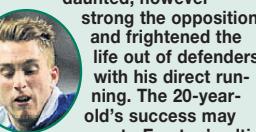
David Moyes' first significant contribution to Manchester United was to give the 19-year-old Belgium-born winger his chance to shine, and he swiftly established himself as one to watch. Conversely, it may have been a tricky season - given United's struggles - for Januzaj to make his name, but he did so in spite of the turmoil at Old Trafford.

GERARD DEULOFEU

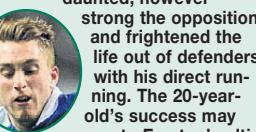
On-loan at Everton from Barcelona - and it showed. Never seemed daunted, however strong the opposition and frightened the life out of defenders with his direct running. The 20-year-old's success may prove to Everton's ultimate disadvantage as he has been making noises about wanting to return to his home club.



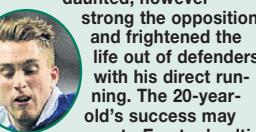
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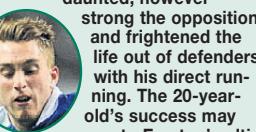
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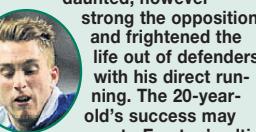
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IS POCH SET

Uncertainty over Poch's future will lead to a summer of worry for Saints fans

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CHIEF SPORTS REPORTER

MAURICIO Pochettino may wish to focus on the here and now but talk over his contract situation continues to dominate as the season draws to a close.

There is little doubt that this summer is a huge one for Saints.

A talented bunch of young players have had a great campaign in which they will finish eighth, led as they are by a bright manager who has a glittering future in the game.

But there is a feeling amongst the squad that they have hit a glass ceiling - they have done all they can and if the club is to improve then significant investment needs to be made in the playing squad this summer.

If that is not going to happen then there could be a few out of the door, with big clubs who can offer huge salaries and Champions League football sniffing around various players,

and Tottenham heavily linked with a move for the manager.



OUT: Saints stars such as Luke Shaw could leave if Pochettino were to depart.

Pochettino has always put off contract talk until the end of the campaign, but in his pre-match press conference ahead of the final game of the season against Manchester United he was heavily pressed about it.

The answers he gave allowed a variety of scenarios to be interpreted.

Pochettino was asked whether the ambitions of the club would hold the key to his future and replied: "The fact is I still have one

UNCERTAIN FUTURE: Pochettino cited the example of former Manchester United boss David Moyes.

more year on my contract.

"There is still one more year so the responsibility of being here next season is obvious.

"That's the reality of the situation right now."

When that was followed up by questioning as to whether he was therefore committed to seeing out his remaining one year, he said: "I have one more year on my contract and I have to fulfil it. I have to - that's my obligation."

"Then you see David Moyes at Manchester United, who signed a six month contract, and towards the end of the season that contract was terminated.

"It showed that in football you cannot take anything for granted

and you have to try to do as best as you can in the moment and live the moment. In the future nobody knows."

However, the situation at Saints is not the same as at Manchester United, simply because of Pochettino's success, which means there is no chance of an imminent sacking.

If Pochettino were to leave this summer it would be of his own choosing and for another club.

"Anything can happen in football. Anything is basically possible in football," he said when that was put to him.

"What's normal is not normal and what's not normal is normal."

"We can talk about this all day

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TO DEPART?



long until we are blue in the face but in football what is logical is completely illogical and what is illogical is sometimes completely logical. "There is no real point in talking about this because anything can happen in football. "Just one

week ago Barcelona was completely dead in the Spanish league, no one gave anything for them, and people at the club were seen with this future manager of Barcelona.

"There were images that were published and a couple of days after we see that the maximum team that can win the Spanish league is the Barcelona team of Tito Martino, the manager that supposedly was going to be out, so anything can happen in football.

"What would happen if Barcelona won the Spanish league with Tito Martino? Would he leave or not?"

Pochettino has had to answer questions over his future repeatedly in the last few weeks, and did

admit that perhaps his background in continental leagues means he didn't quite understand what all the fuss is about.

"I am getting a bit tired of saying it - I still have one more year on my contract," he exclaimed.

"Perhaps I come from another culture that sees things a different way but in Spain for example a manager signs for one year or two years, no more. You don't sign for five or ten years. It does not happen."

"In football everything is about the present and building on what

TALKS: Saints chairman Ralph Krueger.

STAYING OR GOING? Mauricio Pochettino refused to be drawn on his future at Saints after more speculation this week linking him with a move away from St Mary's.

the present is. "Everything is also based on results and if you are not getting positive results you are going to be replaced.

"I am focussing on improving and trying to do what's best."

It seems so much goes back to those end of talks and the plans of the board, and what their hopes and ambitions are for the club and how they want to make them happen.

Pochettino admitted: "The first thing that we need to do is analyse what has been happening at this football club and what is happening right now and see how far this football club can go.

"Everyone involved with Southampton, the whole club and the supporters, deserves to know.

"That will happen. Those talks will happen.

"It's clear right now that there's a project that is finishing. These five years are finishing.

"They were established by Markus Liebherr and Nicola Cortese and the main goal was to promote Southampton to the Premier League. That has been done and now we start a new project.

"At the end of the season we will sit down and talks will be had and it will clear the air once those talks happen."



TOP 10

PREMIER LEAGUE GOALS

1. PAJTIM KASAMI (CRYSTAL PALACE v FULHAM): Fulham midfielder Kasami provided a rare bright point in the Cottagers' season with a wonder goal at Selhurst Park in October. Kasami controlled a long ball on his chest before slamming home a right-foot volley from the right-hand corner of the box.

2. JONJO SHELVEY (SWANSEA v ASTON VILLA): Shelvey capped his lively season with a superb strike as the Swans sealed top-flight survival with a 4-1 win over Aston Villa in April. The former Liverpool striker controlled a wayward clearance on his chest before scissoring a shot into the top corner from inside the centre circle.

3. WAYNE ROONEY (WEST HAM v MAN UTD): Memories of David Beckham's long-range stunner against Wimbledon came flooding back as Rooney angled a brilliant right-foot shot over Hammers goalkeeper Adrian from just over the halfway line.

4. LUIS SUAREZ (LIVERPOOL v NORWICH): Suarez could spend all day picking his personal season highlights but they arguably did not come any better than his looping volley from 40 yards which beat Norwich goalkeeper John Ruddy at Anfield - the first of four scored by Suarez in a 5-1 rout.

5. JACK WILSHERE (ARSENAL v NORWICH): As team efforts go they did not come any better than Wilshere's strike against the Canaries, the simplicity of his finish belying a complex move which involved dazzling interplay between Wilshere and team-mates Santi Cazorla and Olivier Giroud.

6. ROSS BARKLEY (NEWCASTLE v EVERTON): Barkley underlined his status as one of the season's rising stars with a stunning goal against the magpies, capping a 75-yard run from his own half by drifting in from the right flank and leaving three Newcastle defenders for dead before flicking the ball past goalkeeper Tim Krul.

7. DANIEL STURRIDGE (LIVERPOOL v WEST BROM): Sturridge showed stunning composure against the hapless Baggies at Anfield, sending the visiting defenders frantically back-pedalling before delivering an inch-perfect lob over goalkeeper Ben Foster from a tight angle.

8. SANDRO (TOTTENHAM v MAN UTD): The Spurs midfielder heaped more woe on David Moyes as he tortured the United rearguard, completely wrong-footing defender Alex Buttner before slamming a right-foot shot into the top corner of United goalkeeper David De Gea's net.

9. ASMR BEGOVIC (STOKE v SOUTHAMPTON): The Stoke goalkeeper looked almost sheepish after finding the net just 14 seconds into their Premier League clash, a long clearance catching the wind and taking a bounce before catching his opposite number Artur Boruc off-guard and nestling in the back of the net.

10. MORGAN AMALFITANO (WEST BROM v CARDIFF): The Baggies needed a good start in their crucial relegation battle against Cardiff and they got it within two minutes when the recalled Amalfitano picked up the ball wide on the right and, spotting David Marshall off his line, angled an inch-perfect effort over the goalkeeper and into the corner of the net.

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TUSSLE: Barry Mason battles for the ball with a West Auckland opponent.

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SHOW OF STRENGTH: Lewis Fennemore holds off a West Auckland opponent. Order no: 18453639

SHOLING 1 WEST AUCKLAND 0: **MARVELOUS FOR DIAPER'S**

MARVELOUS Marvin McLean was the hero as jubilant Sholing became only the third Sydenhams Wessex League club to lift the FA Vase at Wembley.

The pacy winger – a home-grown Boatman – sparked joy among the red and white army with a deflected 71st minute finish to seal a fairytale 1-0 victory.

At the same time he broke the hearts of a dangerous West Auckland side who suffered their second dose of Vase final heartache in the space of three years.

The Boatmen landed an afternoon of intermittent sunshine and showers for their big day in the capital.

The sun made a welcome appearance when the teams emerged for the pre-match warm-up at 2.10pm but, within minutes, a heavy downpour sent the smattering of fans who had entered the stadium early scurrying for cover.

When the teams were announced, Sholing's starting 11 contained ten Southampton-born players – the odd one out being Portsmouth's Lewis Fennemore who replaced Alex Sawyer from the victorious side that began the semi-final sec-

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ond leg at Eastbourne United.

The diminutive figure of Tyrone Bowers again featured at right-back while manager Dave Diaper again plumped for the energy of Mike Carter in midfield.

Surprise

A minor surprise in the West Auckland camp was naming semi-final goal-scoring hero Steve Richardson – a Vase winner with Spennymoor 12 months ago – on the bench.

Up front the County Durham outfit went with the 40-plus goal partnership of John Campbell and Mattie Moffat, but by far the most prolific marksman on view was Sholing's Lee Wort who headed for Wembley with a phenomenal 62 goals to his credit in all competitions.

Fittingly the showers cleared and the sun made another welcome appearance at five to three as the teams lined up for the national anthem.

And as they headed for their final kick-about, manager Dave Diaper gestured to the noisy contingent of Sholing fans,

decked out in red and white, to cheer each player's name as they were read out by the stadium announcer.

The Boatmen made a positive start with winger Marvin McLean making a typically darting run down the left and earning the first free kick of the game with less than a minute gone.

But it was the Northern League side who fashioned the first big chance of the match in the fifth minute when Dennis Knight threaded the ball through the heart of the Sholing defence for John Campbell who, with only Matt Brown to beat, was foiled by the legs of the Sholing 'keeper.

The Southampton side went back on the offensive forcing West Auckland to defend a deep free-kick by Marc Diaper and an awkwardly bouncing cross from the right by Barry Mason, which keeper Jordan Nixon safely gathered.

Then on ten minutes the Sholing fans, who heavily outnumbered their County Durham counterparts, were treated to the first burst of pace



from the jet-heeled Wort who had too much in his engine for defender Darryl Hall but was eventually snuffed out by Nixon as he tried to beat the 'keeper at his near post.

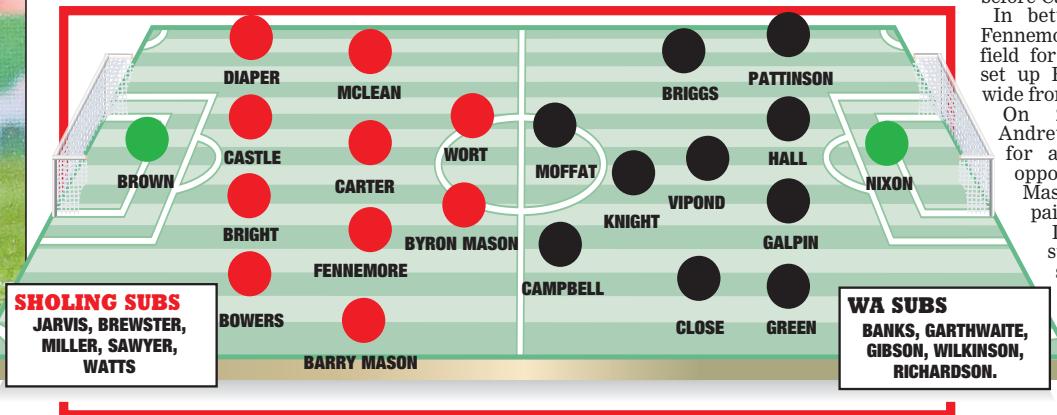
Scything

When Moffat received the ball inside the Sholing area he was well tackled by centre-back Lee Bright and then Brown was down sharply to cut out the No9's cross from the right before Campbell could pounce.

In between, the combative Fennemore won the ball in midfield for Sholing and McLean set up Barry Mason to blaze wide from distance.

On 27 minutes West's Andrew Green was booked for a scything tackle on opposing skipper Byron Mason, who was clearly in pain.

It didn't look good as a stretcher was put on standby but, fortunately, the muscular midfielder – playing up front on this occasion alongside Wort – was able to continue after treatment.



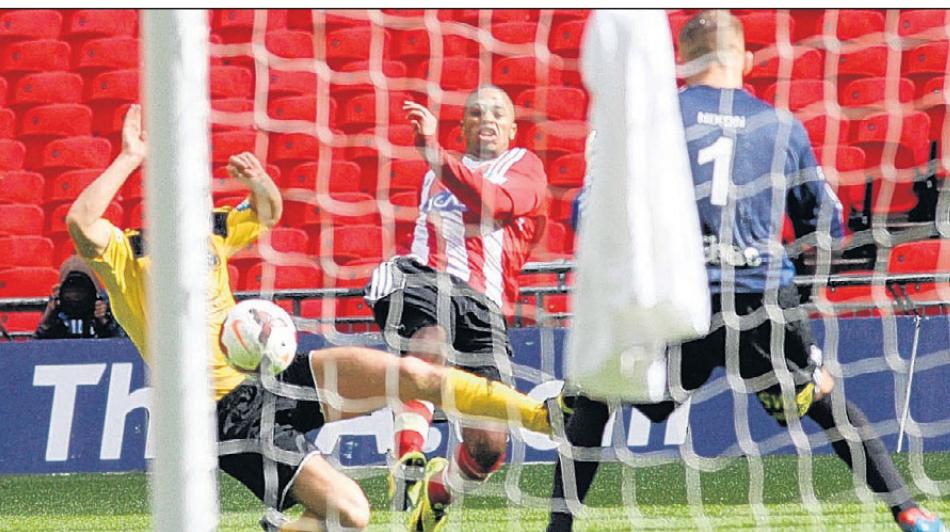
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McLean strike seals fairytale Wembley win

VICTORY BOATMEN



ABOVE: Marvin McLean watches on as his shot takes a deflection and heads for the top corner. Order no: 18453679

LEFT: Marvin McLean is mobbed by his Sholing team-mates after scoring. Order no: 18453714

relief of the anxious Sholing faithful.

With a heavy half-time downpour showing no signs of relenting at the start of the second half, Knight was given a ticking off by referee David Coote for bringing down Diaper on the slippery surface.

Rescued

Diaper, Campbell floated a harmless shot from the right straight into Brown's arms before the Boatmen's 'keeper blocked Shaun Vipond's shot from distance.

Still the north-easterners kept coming and Brown was again called into action to smartly turn away Robert Brigg's 30-yard free kick. Then there were panic stations in the Sholing box but, after some frantic defending, Carter burst clear with the ball – much to the



Sholing's best chance to date arrived on 32 minutes when Carter slipped the ball into the path of McLean as he scampered into the left side of the box but, having outmuscled right-back Neil Pattinson, the nippy winger sliced his shot well wide of the far post as he looked to find the top corner.

A sustained spell of West Auckland pressure followed but, after a slight misjudgement by Sholing left-back Marc

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ON THE RUN: Byron Mason. Order no: 18453453



CLOSE CONTROL: Tyronne Bowers takes the ball on his chest. Order no: 18453653



ON THE BALL: Marvin McLean. Order no: 18453632

The Boatmen suffered a blow on 53 minutes. Pete Castle limped off injured after a second bout of treatment, having seemingly pulled a muscle minutes earlier. It opened the door for young centre-back Dan Miller to enter the Wembley stage.

With players slipping and sliding all over the place on the greasy surface, a goal looked inevitable with chances presenting themselves at both ends.

Nixon had to be on his guard to deny Barry Mason after he had outpaced Green in the race for a through-ball from brother Byron, who was now operating in his customary midfield role.

Moffat then squandered a highly presentable chance at the other end, firing over from ten yards.

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Sholing's moment in history

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But, with their fans urging them on with a rousing rendition of "Stand up if you love Sholing" the Boatmen came again and Barry Mason was unlucky with the bounce of the ball as he was played in by Bowers' chipped pass down the right, dragging his shot wide of the far post.

West Auckland replaced skipper Green with versatile campaigner Jonathan Gibson on 63 minutes and, as the game got a bit feisty both Fennemore and Bright were booked for hefty challenges.

Campbell curled another decent chance over for West Auckland following a free kick but, as the sun once again burst through the rain clouds, there was sweet joy for Sholing as the deadlock was finally broken in the 71st minute by 'Marvellous' Marvin McLean.

The pacy winger hared onto a ball down the left, beat right-back Pattinson and headed on as he darted into the area.

As he got his shot away, the ball deflected off Lewis Galpin who had raced in to cover, and it took a wicked deflection over Nixon and into the far corner, sparking scenes of jubilation among the south coast support as the players raced across to celebrate with them.

Brown – named man-of-the-match – made a string of fine saves as West Auckland stepped up the pressure in search of an equaliser – the best of them coming with a fine tip-over from Knight's rapier-like free kick from the right corner of the area after Miller had fouled fellow sub Richardson at the expense of a booking.

Hall got a firm downward header in from the subsequent corner, but Sholing kept their cool and cleared the danger.

By now the Boatmen had introduced two more substitutes, bringing Kevin Brewster on for Bowers and Sawyer on for Fennemore.

Sholing defended superbly as West Auckland scrapped for their lives as the seconds ticked down but there were anxious moments to come as Campbell's on-target shot deflected over the crossbar and then the distraught Galpin crashed a header against the woodwork halfway through four nail-biting minutes of stoppage time.

But the Boatmen brilliantly held out and, to rub salt into the West Auckland's wounds, their last meaningful contribution was having Brian Close booked for crudely bringing down Wort as he raced along the touchline.

TOP PRIZE FOR



UP FOR THE CUP: Sholing's players celebrate at Wembley. Order: 18453880



HEADS UP: Lee Wort on the ball and, left, Tyrone Bowers celebrates. Order: 18453590 & 18453753



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DAVE Diaper hailed a 'band of brothers' spirit as Sholing lifted the FA Vase after a dream win at Wembley.

The Southampton side defeated West Auckland 1-0 to secure the trophy in what was Diaper's swansong after 15 years as Sholing boss.

A number of his players are also retiring following the win.

A delighted Diaper said: "The last ten minutes put me through a different range of emotions but I was very pleased for the lads.

"I've been at the club now for 15 years and everything we do is based on a good work ethic.

"This group of players which I've got together only lost four league games all season and never know when they're beat.

"You can see the camaraderie out there. They say 'band of brothers' and it is that – it's a close knit family.

"It was really fitting on my last day in charge as well. I couldn't wish for a better ending so happy days."

He added: "I have mixed emotions. The guys really put us through it second half.

"I felt at half time we really needed to up our game by at least 10-15 per cent because I felt the game was probably slipping away from us.

"They put us under a lot of pressure with balls into the box, which our goalkeeper dealt with really well.

"At the end of the day I think we got our just rewards really.

"We created one or two more chances than they did first half and I was just relieved to hear the final whistle because they put us under a tremendous amount of pressure.

"When they struck the upright I had the feeling our name was on the cup."

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SHOLING "FAMILY"



YOU BEAUTY: Marvin McLean celebrates netting Sholing's winner in the FA Vase final at Wembley.

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BOSS: Sholing boss Dave Daiper
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CLASH: Mike Carter comes off best in a challenge.
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PACKING A PUNCH: Sholing's fans enjoy their day out at Wembley. More fan pics on pages 8-9.
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PARTY TIME: Daily Echo photographer Stuart Martin was on hand to snap Sholing's fans enjoying their day at Wembley.
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Poch wants money to spend this summer

● FROM FRONT PAGE

Star players such as Adam Lallana and Luke Shaw are being targeted by big clubs, while Pochettino's own future remains in the balance with Tottenham supposedly interested in a manager who only has one year left to run on his contract.

It feels as if everything hinges on whether the board will give assurances over future spending.

If they do and the club can progress then they have a chance of keeping everybody together.

If not then this is likely to be a summer of major upheaval with the club having got as far as they possibly can.

Pochettino, pictured right, said: "We have come as far as we could. We have done everything we could and our position this season is eighth place. That's the reality, that's been this season. The rest is all assumptions."



He added: "All we need to do is observe what has been happening all season long."

"The fact is we have been fighting against amazing top clubs such as Manchester City, a club that invests millions, that has amazing financial resources and the capacity also to generate even more money and financial resources. We are fighting against these type of clubs."

"Also another reality is that we are fighting against clubs such as Manchester City who are the best in England and also the world."

"In order to try to reach their level we need to have a major international budget resourcing and try to match them on their own terms."

"That needs to be spoken about by the owner and by the president of this football club if that investment can happen."

SAINTS TO SIGN OFF WITH A WIN?



WHAT A MOMENT: Dejan Lovren celebrates netting at Old Trafford when Saints and Manchester United met earlier this season.

MAURICIO Pochettino hopes his Southampton side can finish the Barclays Premier League season with a flourish by defeating Manchester United on Sunday.

Saints are certain of an eighth-placed finish after a campaign which has attracted numerous plaudits and seen admirers eyeing the club's talent, including captain Adam Lallana and left-back Luke Shaw – and the manager himself.

"We always want to win and get the three points and we want to have a very good performance on Sunday. There is no exception on Sunday," Pochettino said.

"Overall the season been fantas-

tic. Brilliant. I am very pleased with the great season that we have had."

"I think between December and January we went through a really bad run of results, we had several injuries we had to face and we lost an important number of points throughout that bad run."

"It is not just that we won games but how we played in those games that pleases me."

"We have done an analysis of everything we have done since we arrived here and from the moment we arrived here the half of last season and then this season as well."

"We have definitely seen a progress and an evolution of this team from the first season to this season."

"We are very happy and proud with how this team has performed especially throughout this second season."

Winning at Liverpool in September was Pochettino's highlight.

"There were many great moments through the season, many amazing moments for this football club and also many bad moments," he said.

"There were many photographs and images taken and one of those could be that away win at Liverpool."

Pochettino believes the squad cohesion has been integral to his side's success this term.

"There is a great atmosphere with all the players," he said.

"There is a very good relation-

ship, a very human relationship with all the players."

"Our leadership comes from a human point of view – we like to have a very good, flowing dialogue with all the players and have a very good relationship with them. I think that's key to making us successful."

A win over United would be Saints' 16th of the campaign and Pochettino is looking forward to the ovation from fans.

He said: "There is the chance to see the supporters, to thank them for their amazing support throughout the season and for the supporters to thank and congratulate the players."

"They have been the main actors in making this amazing season possible."

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Paine's World

The Saints legend's **EXCLUSIVE** column on all things football

Barkley MUST be in the World Cup squad

THERE are some players who simply set the pulse racing.

Players who, when they come on the ball, just seem to make things happen.

These are players who the fans love.

They are terrace heroes who define the clubs they play for.

Players like Eric Cantona, Wayne Rooney, Ronaldinho, Lionel Messi, Cristiano Ronaldo, Matt Le Tissier and many others come into this category.

The newest addition to such an august group could be the young Everton prodigy, Ross Barkley.

Of course, the Evertonian has not done nearly enough to be counted in the same breath as the legends mentioned above, but the signs are certainly there.

A Scouser like Rooney, Barkley's game is pretty similar to the Manchester United talisman.

Both of them are confident, powerful, intelligent footballers and, most importantly, have the ability to produce moments of pure brilliance.

Rooney made his name with a wonder goal against Arsenal, and Barkley's curling long range shot in the loss to Manchester City last week shows that maybe his moment too has arrived.

AUDACITY

Barkley's finish against the Blues of Manchester was one any player would be proud of.

The audacity to even attempt such a shot with his first touch is not something mere mortals can aspire to do.

And the technique employed showed that this is not going to be a one-off.

But there is much more to Barkley's game than goals.

He is a powerful runner, and the runs he made against Manchester City were reminiscent of Michael Ballack at his finest.

Particularly one in the second half, where he carried the ball from behind the mid-way line to just outside City's box to set up Steven Naismith with a brilliant through ball was a treat to watch.

His fearlessness on the ball is invigorating as he picks it up and runs with pace and intent at the opposition defence.

He has completed 70 take-ons this season. That's an average of 3.02 per 90 minutes.

To put that statistic into perspective, Eden Hazard has completed 122, which is the most in the league.

Per 90 minutes, Hazard averages 3.98.

Hazard is the Young Player of the Season and a

magician with a ball at his feet, so keeping in touch with him is no mean feat.

Barkley is not your run of the mill midfielder either.

He has pace, guile, drive and vision.

In a young attacking team, filled with players like Aiden McGeady, Gerard Deulofeu and Kevin Mirallas, Barkley is the heartbeat of Goodison Park and Everton.

He has heart and it shows in his defensive work.

His work rate is extraordinary and he

knows how to tackle. He is a leader on the field and, like all the best leaders, looks to lead mostly by example.

England also need a man like Barkley in Brazil this summer.

He may not be ready yet to be a regular starter, but having an option like him on the bench is not a bad thought for English fans.

Midfielders with strength, control, pace and dynamite in both boots cannot be overlooked.

Of course, a lot of credit for his development has to go to Roberto Martinez, who has instilled in the 20-year-old a tactical sense that is very acute.

Against teams like Arsenal and Manchester City, Barkley managed to fit perfectly in a traditionally deeper role.

It brought back memories of Steven Gerrard at his youthful best, plundering from one box to another.

There will undoubtedly be a lot of interest in Barkley this summer, with sums as high as £50m being mentioned, and the likes of United, City and Chelsea will always be rumoured to be hovering, awaiting a chance to prise away English football's current gem.

PERFECTING

Comparisons will always be made between Ross and Rooney, but, unlike United's current favourite Scouser, Barkley may be better off with a few more years in Merseyside, perfecting his craft before unleashing it on the big stage.

A potent mix of heart, pace, power, technique and tactical sense, Barkley has all the ingredients to go on and be one of the all time greats.

Whether or not he achieves his destiny is another thing.

But, for now, cherish him.

Players who set the pulse racing are rare.

Players who set the pulse racing and are English have become even rarer.



BROTHERS IN ARMS: Terry Paine and Ralph Krueger at St Mary's this week.

A great way to end a fine season for all at Saints

I HAD the honour of attending the Saints' player awards evening on Tuesday night, which was a fantastic occasion.

I was delighted to be a part of the event and took great pleasure in joining chairman Ralph Krueger, owner Katharina Liebherr and various other senior figures from the club on one of the tables.

Adam Lallana was a worthy winner of many of the night's awards, being voted player of the season by his teammates and the fans, while also bagging the goal of the season title.

I was privileged to also present my own president's award, which I gave to Jack Cork.

I think he has been an extremely important part of the squad this season, whether starting or coming off the bench, and his performances have been of a consistently high standard.

I am sure that Mauricio Pochettino has appreciated his efforts, and I believe it is important to recognise players who have contributed in the way Jack has this season.

I very much enjoyed meeting so many supporters of the club, and I look forward to seeing many more at tomorrow's match against Manchester United, when hopefully the team will sign off a fine season in style.



ONE TO WATCH:

Everton starlet Ross Barkley.

Saints Spotlight



SAINTS' FIRST TEAM FIXTURES AND RESULTS 2013/14



		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
AUGUST															
Sat 17	West Brom	(A)	W 1-0	Boruc	Chambers	Fonte	Lovren	Shaw	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	W-Prowse***	Lallana*	Rodriguez**	Lambert 1	Ramirez*
Sat 24	Sunderland	(H)	D 1-1	Boruc	Chambers	Fonte 1	Lovren	Shaw*	Wanyama	Schneiderlin**	W-Prowse	Lallana**	Rodriguez	Clyne*	S Davis**
Tue 27	Barnsley (CCC 2) ..	(A)	W 5-1	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox	Wanyama	S Davis 2	Isgrave*	Ramirez 1	Rodriguez**	Osvaldo**	Cork***
Sat 31	Norwich	(A)	L 0-1	Boruc	Chambers	Fonte	Lovren	Fox	Wanyama	Schneiderlin**	W-Prowse	Osvaldo***	Rodriguez**	Reed**	Ramirez***
SEPTEMBER															
Sun 15	West Ham	(H)	D 0-0	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Lovren	Shaw**	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	Rodriguez	Lallana*	Lambert	W-Prowse*	Chambers**
Sat 21	Liverpool	(A)	W 1-0	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Lovren 1	Shaw	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	Rodriguez***	Osvaldo	Osvaldo	S Davis*	W-Prowse**
Tues 24	Bristol City (CCC 3) (H)		W 2-0	K Davis	Chambers	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox	Wanyama	S Davis***	W-Prowse	Ramirez 1	Rodriguez**	Reed**	Rowe***
Sat 28	Crystal Palace	(H)	W 2-0	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Lovren	Shaw	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	S Davis*	Osvaldo 1	Osvaldo	Rodriguez**	Ramirez***
OCTOBER															
Sat 5	Swansea	(H)	W 2-0	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Lovren	Fox	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	S Davis***	Osvaldo*	Lallana 1	W-Prowse*	Rodriguez** 1
Sat 19	Man United	(A)	D 1-1	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Lovren	Shaw	Wanyama***	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	Osvaldo	Rodriguez*	Lambert*	Do Prado***
Sat 26	Fulham	(H)	W 2-0	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Lovren	Shaw	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	W-Prowse**	Ramirez 1	Rodriguez**	Lambert** 1	Do Prado***
NOVEMBER															
Sat 2	Stoke	(A)	D 1-1	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Lovren	Shaw	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	S Davis***	Osvaldo*	Lallana 1	W-Prowse*	Rodriguez** 1
Wed 6	Sunderland (CCC 4) ..	(A)	L 1-2	K Davis	Chambers	Fonte	Yoshida 1	Fox	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	Rodriguez*	Lallana 1	Lambert*	Cork***
Sat 9	Hull	(H)	W 4-1	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Lovren	Shaw	Wanyama*	Schneiderlin	W-Prowse	Ramirez 1	Rodriguez*	Lambert** 1	Gallagher***
Sat 23	Arsenal	(A)	L 0-2	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld	Shaw*	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	W-Prowse**	Ramirez 1	Rodriguez	Lambert** 1	Osvaldo**
DECEMBER															
Sun 1	Chelsea	(A)	L 1-3	Boruc*	Clyne	Fonte	Lovren	Shaw	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	W-Prowse*	Rodriguez 1	Lallana	W-Prowse*	Ramirez*
Wed 4	Aston Villa	(H)	L 2-3	Gazzaniga	Clyne***	Fonte	Lovren	Shaw	Wanyama**	Schneiderlin***	W-Prowse*	Rodriguez 1	Lambert	Gazzaniga*	S Davis**
Sat 7	Manchester City	(H)	D 1-1	Gazzaniga	Chambers	Fonte	Lovren	Shaw	Cork	Schneiderlin	W-Prowse*	Rodriguez 1	Osvaldo*	Cork*	Lambert***
Sat 14	Newcastle	(A)	D 1-1	Gazzaniga	Chambers	Fonte	Hooiveld	Shaw	Cork	Schneiderlin	W-Prowse*	Rodriguez 1	Osvaldo*	Ramirez**	Reed***
Sat 21	Tottenham	(H)	L 2-3	Gazzaniga	Chambers	Fonte	Lovren	Fox***	Cork*	Schneiderlin	W-Prowse*	Rodriguez 1	Lambert	Gazzaniga**	Gallagher***
Thu 26	Cardiff	(A)	W 3-0	Gazzaniga	Chambers	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw	Cork*	Schneiderlin	W-Prowse**	Rodriguez 2	Lambert 1	Ramirez**	Gallagher***
Sun 29	Everton	(A)	L 1-2	K Davis	Chambers	Fonte	Lovren	Cork*	S Davis	Schneiderlin	W-Prowse**	Rodriguez	Lambert 1***	Ramirez**	Clyne***
JANUARY															
Wed 1	Chelsea	(H)	L 0-3	K Davis	Chambers	Fonte	Lovren	Shaw*	Cork**	Schneiderlin	S Davis***	Lallana 1	Rodriguez 1	Gazzaniga*	S Davis**
Sat 4	Burnley (FAC 3) ..	(H)	W 4-3	K Davis	Clyne 1	Fonte	Yoshida	Cork	S Davis**	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	Ramirez**	Lambert 1	Rodriguez*	Fonte***
Sat 11	West Brom	(H)	W 1-0	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Lovren	Shaw	Cork*	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	Lallana 1	Rodriguez*	Lambert 1	Do Prado***
Sat 18	Sunderland	(A)	D 2-2	Boruc	Chambers	Fonte	Lovren*** 1	Shaw	Cork	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	Ramirez**	Lambert 1	Ramirez**	Yoshida***
Sat 25	Yeovil (FAC 4) ..	(H)	W 2-0	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte 1	Yoshida	Cork	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	W-Prowse***	Rodriguez 1	Rodriguez 2	Ramirez**	Reed***
Tue 28	Arsenal	(H)	D 2-2	Boruc	Chambers	Fonte	Yoshida 1	Shaw	Cork	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	Rodriguez	Rodriguez	W-Prowse*	Do Prado**
FEBRUARY															
Sat 1	Fulham	(A)	W 3-0	Boruc	Chambers**	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw	Wanyama*	Schneiderlin	S Davis***	Lallana 1	Rodriguez 1	Clyne**	Gallagher***
Sat 8	Stoke	(H)	D 2-0	Boruc	Chambers	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw	Cork	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	Ramirez**	Lambert 1	Lambert 1	W-Prowse***
Tue 11	Hull	(A)	W 1-0	Boruc	Chambers	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw	Cork*	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	Ramirez**	Lambert 1	Ramirez**	Fonte***
Sat 15	Sunderland (FAC 5) ..	(A)	L 0-1	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw	Cork	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	Ramirez**	Lambert 1	Ramirez**	McQueen***
Sat 22	West Ham	(A)	W 3-1	Boruc	Chambers	Fonte	Yoshida 1	Shaw	Cork*	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	Ramirez**	Rodriguez	Ramirez**	Gallagher***
MARCH															
Sat 1	Liverpool	(H)	L 0-3	Boruc	Chambers	Fonte	Lovren	Shaw	Cork***	Schneiderlin	S Davis*	Lallana 1	Rodriguez 1	Lambert 1	Wanyama***
Sat 8	Crystal Palace	(A)	W 1-0	Boruc	Chambers	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw	Cork*	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	Ramirez**	Lambert 1	Ramirez**	Prowse***
Sat 15	Norwich	(H)	W 4-2	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Lovren	Shaw	Cork	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	Lallana*	Rodriguez 1	Lambert 1	Gallagher*** 1
Sat 22	Tottenham	(A)	L 2-3	Boruc	Clyne*	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw	Cork	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	Lallana**	Rodriguez 1	Lambert 1	Gallagher***
Sat 29	Newcastle	(H)	W 4-0	Boruc	Chambers	Fonte	Lovren	Shaw	Cork	Schneiderlin	S Davis*	Lallana**	Rodriguez 2	Lambert 1***	Gallagher***
APRIL															
Sat 5	Manchester City	(A)	L 1-4	Gazzaniga	Chambers**	Fonte	Lovren	Shaw	Cork***	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	Lallana 1	Rodriguez 1	Lambert 1	Wanyama***
Sat 12	Cardiff	(H)	L 0-1	Gazzaniga	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw	Cork**	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	Ramirez**	Rodriguez 1	Rodriguez 1	Do Prado***
Sat 19	Aston Villa	(A)	D 0-0	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw	Wanyama**	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	Lallana**	Rodriguez 1	Rodriguez 1	Reed***
Sat 26	Everton	(H)	W 2-0	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida 1	Shaw	Cork	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	Lallana**	Rodriguez 2	Lambert 1***	Do Prado***
MAY															
Sat 3	Swansea	(A)	W 1-0	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Lovren	Shaw	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	Cork***	Lallana*	S Davis	Gallagher**	Lambert 1
Sun 11	Man United	(H)												W-Prowse**	Reed***

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KELVIN DAVIS	2	0	6	0	292(1)	0		JACK CORK	20(7)	0	5	0	121(15)	0		RICKIE LAMBERT	30(6)	12	2	1218(16)	116	
PAULO GAZZANIGA	7(1)	0	0	0	18(1)	0		VICTOR WANYAMA	18(4)	0	1	0	19(4)	0		JAY RODRIGUEZ	30(2)	15	3(3)	2	58(16)	26
ARTUR BORUC	28	0	0	0	49	0		MORGAN SCHNEIDERLIN	30(2)	2	2(1)	0	019(31)	10		DANI OSVALDO	9(4)	3	0	0	9(4)	3
NATHANIEL CLYNE	19(5)	0	4	1	57(5)	2		ADAM LALLANA	37(1)	9	2(2)	2	1238(26)	60		TADANARI LEE	0	0	2	0	9(5)	2
CALUM CHAMBERS	18(3)	0	2	0	20(4)	0		STEVEN DAVIS	27(5)	2	5(1)	2	55(17)	6		EMMANUEL MAYUKA	0	0	1	1	3(10)	1
DEJAN LOVREN	30	2	0	0	30	2		JAMES WARD-PROWSE	16(17)	0	4(1)	0	30(30)	1		BILLY SHARP	0	0	0	0	12(6)	10
JOSE FONTE	34(1)	3	1(1)	0	176(5)	15		SAM MCQUEEN	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0		SAM GALLAGHER	3(14)	1	0(2)	1	3(16)	2
JOS HOOIVELD	4	0	5	1	75(3)	9		LLOYD ISGROVE	0	0	1	0	1(1)	0		HARRISON REED	0(4)	0	1(3)	0	1(7)	0
MAYA YOSHIDA	6(1)	1	6	1	45(2)	2		OMAR ROWE	0	0	0(2)	0	0(2)	0								
LUKE SHAW	34(1)	0	3	0	61(6)	0		JAKE SINCLAIR	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0								
DANNY FOX	3	0	3	0	58(10)	1		GASTON RAMIREZ	3(14)	1	4	2	27(20)	8	</td							

Saints Spotlight



CELEBR-EIGHT

*Nine years on
Saints turn the
tears to cheers*

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AND soon the speculation will really kick into overdrive.

This weekend brings the final game of a memorable Premier League campaign for Saints, against Manchester United.

Nine years on from the infamous last day defeat in a corresponding fixture which saw the club relegated after 27 successive years in the top flight, this Sunday should instead be a celebration.

There were tears shed in the stands on May 13, 2005, when United inflicted a 2-1 loss on Harry Redknapp's Saints – those three words never looked right, and they still don't – which condemned the losers to rock bottom place and a spell looking in on the



GOING DOWN: Sad faces as Saints lose to Manchester United in 2005.

Premier League riches from the outside.

Of course, far worse was to befall Saints – administration, a very real flirtation with obscurity, a second relegation, a first spell in the third tier since 1960 – before a Phoenix-like rise from the ashes back to milking Rupert Murdoch's cash cow.

There should be no tears of sadness at St Mary's this weekend, apart from in the away fans section of the ground.

Saints have not finished above Manchester United since 1990, and for most of the last 24 years have not got very close to them in the table at all.

Until this season, that is.



ON THE UP: Saints fans after Rickie Lambert's winner against Swansea last Saturday. Left: Jay Rodriguez scores this season against Fulham.

United will finish above Saints, yet again, but the gap is so much closer than before.

Ok, United have had by their standards a dreadful campaign and Saints, by their Premier League history, an incredibly good one. A record equalling one, in fact.

Since the rebranding of the top flight in 1992, Saints have finished eighth twice – in 2002/03 when they leapt three places on the last day and could have ended up 13th if they had lost their last game, and this term.

In Premier League history, Saints had never before won seven away league games in a single season.

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TOP 10

PREMIER LEAGUE MOMENTS TO FORGET

1. FARIA FURY: Chelsea coach Rui Faria found his side's shock Stamford Bridge loss to struggling Sunderland too much to bear, and attempted to confront referee Mike Dean at the end of his side's 1-0 defeat. Restrained by Jose Mourinho, no less, Faria was eventually fined £30,000 and handed a six-match stadium ban.

2. OH NO, DI CANIO: Sunderland's appointment of Paolo Di Canio proved a disaster all round, starting with a grilling over alleged fascist salutes, and finishing 13 games into the season, with tomato ketchup well and truly back on the Stadium of Light menu.

3. IT WAS ME: Referee Andre Marriner wrongly sent off Kieran Gibbs early in Arsenal's 6-0 drubbing at Stamford Bridge despite Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain plainly telling him: "It was me!" Either way, Arsene Wenger's 1,000th game in charge of the Gunners turned sour.

4. MACK KNIFED: Not content with changing Cardiff's first-team colours from blue to red, owner Vincent Tan axed popular boss Malky Mackay following a simmering public row in December. Tan's antics took the sheen off Cardiff's first Premier League season – and arguably also doomed them to the drop.

5. THE UNCHOSEN ONE: Perhaps there were some at Old Trafford still hoping David Moyes would stick around for the long haul. Ryan Giggs was introduced as "David" by an embarrassed club PR prior to Giggs' first press conference as the club's new interim player-boss.

6. STEVIE SLIP-UP: He had waited his whole career to lead Liverpool to the Barclays Premier League title. But a costly slip at Anfield, which allowed Demba Ba to score for Chelsea and thus render Steven Gerrard's side second favourites behind Manchester City, is likely to haunt him for the rest of his career – and possibly beyond.

7. TIGER FEET: Despite survival and a trip to the FA Cup final, all was far from sweetness and light at Hull, whose owner Assem Allam threatened to walk away from the club after supporters rejected his proposals to change their name to Hull Tigers. Allam said of fans' group 'City Till We Die': "They can die when they want to."

8. NO BUTTS: Alan Pardew suffered not so much a moment as a whole season to forget, but his woes were encapsulated by his headbutting incident with Hull's David Meyler at the KC Stadium in March, which earned him a seven-match ban and a whopping £100,000 fine.

9. ANELKA EXIT: It is unlikely Nicolas Anelka will be remembered fondly at The Hawthorns. Banned for five matches following his controversial 'quenelle' goal celebration in December, the Frenchman abruptly quit the club via Twitter in March, having scored just two goals in 12 top-flight appearances.

10. RICKY VAN WHO? Norwich fans may struggle to forget a player they can scarcely remember in the first place. Ricky van Wolfswinkel arrived as the Canaries' record signing last summer, but could summon one solitary goal as a series of abject performances helped steer his club towards the drop.

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PREMIER LEAGUE QUOTES OF THE SEASON

"I think we have a style of play, I think we are an attractive team, I think we score many goals and we are always thinking to score more goals. That to me has the same importance as winning the title. In the way we play, I am very happy to win the title this way" - Manchester City manager Manuel Pellegrini, with his team on the brink of winning the title, is pleased to have performed with such a swagger.

"There is no doubt Manchester City will go on and win it" - Liverpool manager Brendan Rodgers concedes the title to City after his side are stunned by Crystal Palace, in a 3-3 draw, in their penultimate game.

"That win means so much. They got back into the game but I think we showed today that we want to go to the wire. We want to go all the way" - A few weeks earlier it is a different story as emotional Reds captain Steven Gerrard reflects on a dramatic win over City at Anfield, which appeared to signal a shift in title momentum towards the Merseysiders.

"The title race is between two horses and a little horse that needs milk and needs to learn how to jump. Maybe next season we can race" - Back in February, Chelsea boss Jose Mourinho makes one of several claims that his side cannot win the title, despite an impressive win over City. Interestingly, the other 'horse' he refers to is Arsenal, not Liverpool.

"If he is right and I am afraid of failure it is because I didn't fail many times. Eight years without silverware, that's failure. He's a specialist in failure" - Reigniting an old rivalry, Mourinho responds to a claim from Arsenal counterpart Arsene Wenger that managers are playing down their title chances because they fear failure.

"I'm very honest and I know where I am. If you look at the table and the games we have got left to win, we need a miracle" - Sunderland boss Gus Poyet, speaking with his side rock-bottom in early April, fears time is running out for his side.

"It's going to be remembered forever. There are going to be people talking in many, many years' time - 'Sunderland did it, it's possible, we can do it'" - Poyet again, speaking after the 'miracle' occurs with a four-game winning run.

"I was convinced before the game that we had a very good chance but today was what you would call in Germany a 'blackout'" - Fulham manager Felix Magath reluctantly accepts time has run out for his side.

"You have just got to face the facts, don't you? I face it head-on. I knew what I was coming into. I didn't make the impact I hoped for and I believed in" - Cardiff boss Ole Gunnar Solskjaer holds his hands up after failing to engineer survival following his mid-season arrival.

"I found the support inside Old Trafford has been terrific and, if there was ever a show of support for the football club and team, it was in this game. Inside Old Trafford it was terrific, it really was" - On the day a plane carrying a banner calling for his removal flies over Old Trafford, Manchester United boss David Moyes thanks his loyal supporters for their backing.



SAINTS FANS ARE



IN IT TOGETHER: Saints' team spirit has been hailed as the key to their fine season.

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They have now, and all seven wins this season were with clean sheets too.

Artur Boruc's clean sheet against Swansea last weekend was his 14th in just 27 league games.

In the ten games he's missed through injury, Saints have only kept one clean sheet – and that was against rock bottom Cardiff City.

But Saints' 15 clean sheets this term is still another club record in the Premier League, and the best since Peter Shilton kept 16 in 1984/85.

If Boruc keeps another clean sheet against Manchester United, Saints will have equalled their 2003/04 Premier League club record for fewest goals conceded in a season – the 45 they let in in 2003/04.

Attacking wise, it's also been a record breaking season for Saints.

They have scored more goals in a 38-game Premier League season than ever before, and if they score twice against Manchester United they will have struck 55 goals in total – making it their second highest Premier League total (only behind the 61 they scored in a 42-game season in 1994/95).

Adam Lallana and Luke Shaw were both named in the Premier League PFA team of the year, the first time Saints have ever had two players in a top flight XI – covering both the former First Division and Premier League – since the awards were introduced 40 years ago.

So wherever you look, there are success stories. Why, even the manager himself.

For the first time in his managerial career at Espanyol and Saints, Mauricio Pochettino has ended a season with more wins than losses.

In truth, it will not be a stat he will celebrate too much.

But it does indicate that his star is well and truly on the rise.

And therein lies the rub for everyone connected with Saints FC.

This summer promises to be the most intriguing, the most fascinating, at the club for a very long time.

The mood of the St Mary's faithful come the first game of next season could cover a wide

range of emotions.

Their could still be very much a feelgood factor if Pochettino is still in the dug out when the curtain is lifted on the 2014/15 campaign.

If Shaw and Lallana are still in a Saints shirt, even more so – especially if there are some new signings alongside them to keep the appetites whetted.

That is very much the glass half full view.

We would not be living in reality if we didn't accept there was an alternative version of events.

The glass half empty verdict.

That involves Pochettino deciding, after close season talks with chairman Ralph Krueger, that his future lies away from St Mary's.

Lies away from the club that has helped turn him into a manager who is talked about in connection with bigger clubs.

Tottenham appears his most likely destination if he does leave Saints, and of course there is no guarantee he will go.

No guarantee, from what I've seen, that he WANTS to go.

Of course, this coming close season is not just about Mauricio Pochettino, the man most Saints fans have taken to their hearts after he walked in on a snowy day in January 2013, just hours after Nigel Adkins had been brutally sacked, as a virtual unknown to most supporters.

It is about Lallana, the pulsing heartbeat of a Saints side that has won widespread acclaim for the way they have played over the past nine months.

It is about Shaw, the latest emerging diamond from the incredible Saints academy.

There are others, too.

It is about Dani Osvaldo, the hot-headed foreign drummed out of St Mary's in shame last January.

It is about Rickie Lambert, it is about Morgan Schneiderlin, it is about Dejan Lovren, it is about Callum Chambers.

These are all central characters in a story that will start to run on Monday, the day after Manchester United have come to town and gone home again.

It will start to run on May 12, and who knows when it will stop?



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Saints Spotlight



IN DREAMLAND ...



WHAT A SEASON: Adam Lallana shows off the FOUR awards he landed at the Saints' end of season awards night.

Possibly not until the very last day of the summer 2014 transfer window, next August.

I recently wrote in the Southern Daily Echo that Lallana could hold the key this summer. That remains true.

Many people would expect Luke Shaw to leave if Saints receive a bid of £20m plus. That is a lot of money for a left back, no matter how good they are, and it is money Saints could do with if they are to strengthen in other areas.

Lallana is different, he is the captain of his club with six years of first team experience behind him.

He has been a constant presence as Saints have prospered in recent years – scoring at Wembley in the JPT final win, starring in back to back promotions, winning a senior England international call up and now being heavily touted as a 'must pick' for Brazil.

If he was to leave, it would send out the wrong message to other players who might be considering their futures, might be waiting to see what Saints' new board do in the summer transfer window.

The club are at a crossroads.

In finishing eighth – three years after they were a third division club, lest we forget – Saints have come 'top' of their own league within the top flight.

The seven clubs who will finish above them contain all the elite names of English football.

The top seven this season were the same top seven last season, just in a different order.

Last season West Bromwich Albion finished eighth, the position Saints will finish this term.

Yes, West Brom. And what have they done this season?

We must celebrate Saints finishing eighth in the Premier League, of course we must.

And we must do so for a very good reason.

This might be the best it ever gets for a long time again.

I apologise if that comes across as a negative statement.

It is not meant to do so.

Saints could finish eighth for the next three or four seasons, and each time it would be a brilliant achievement given the wealth and tradition of Premier League clubs.

Saints have finished above Newcastle this season, the same Toon Army who are regularly watched by 50,000 fans when some of them aren't leaving early in protest.

They have finished above Aston Villa, a big city club also capable of attracting 40,000 crowds.

These are great achievements for a club which, I make no apology for repeating, were losing twice to Rochdale as recently as 2010/11.

In Saints' 37 seasons as a top flight club, on only seven occasions have they finished higher than eighth.

Since finishing runners-up in 1984, the club have only twice finished higher than eighth – fifth in 1985 and seventh in 1990.

That is why we must celebrate Saints finishing eighth ...

PREMIER LEAGUE QUOTES OF THE SEASON

"I would like to thank the United staff for making me feel so welcome and part of the United family from my first day. And of course thank you to those fans who have supported me throughout the season" - **Moyes noticeably does not thank the players, some of whom had reportedly turned against him, as he is sacked after 10 months as United manager**

"We will go back to playing like Manchester United" - **Ryan Giggs** hopes to start putting things right after taking over as interim manager following Moyes' departure.

"I wanted to show them I will never give up. We have to keep together. I still believe in myself. I will never change. The players need to release the rubbish from their brains" - **Sunderland boss Paolo Di Canio** vows to fight on after a defeat at West Brom prompted him to walk across and gesture in defiance to fans. It proved the final act of his chaotic reign. A day later he was sacked.

"I have great confidence in Rene and high expectations for our squad to respond" - **Fulham owner Shahid Khan** believes Rene Meulensteen is the man to turn the season around after a poor start and the sacking of Martin Jol.

"I knew the owners were freaking out a little bit that there was the possibility of the club going down" - **Meulensteen, after just 75 days in charge at Craven Cottage, reveals he has been shown the door**.

"Chris Hughton has been sacked by Norwich. Now? With 5 games to go? Utterly bonkers!" - **Former England striker Gary Lineker** tweets his shock at Norwich's decision to part company with Chris Hughton.

"I had to wait nine days for a letter that said a lot of very silly things" - **Michael Laudrup** is bemused by the reasons belatedly given to him for his sacking by Swansea.

"They can die as soon as they want, as long as they leave the club for the majority who just want to watch good football" - **Hull City owner Assem Allam** hits out at the fans chanting, 'City till we die' in protest at his plans to rebrand the club as Hull Tigers.

"I tried to push him away with my head. I apologise to everyone. I should not have got involved in it" - **Newcastle manager Alan Pardew** says sorry after headbutting Hull's David Meyler in a touchline spat.

"When managers have got decisions to make, whether it benefits me or not, I have to be man enough to take it" - **Manchester City goalkeeper Joe Hart**, dropped for a period early in the season, is determined to regain top form.

"The problem with Chelsea is I lack a striker. I have Eto'o but he is 32 years old, maybe 35, who knows?" - **In what he thought were unrecorded tongue-in-cheek comments, the Chelsea boss questions his striking resources.**

"This is not the best league in the world. This is football from the 19th century" - **The Portuguese** is frustrated after a goalless draw against West Ham.

Sports Quiz

1 Manuel Pellegrini, the manager of Premier League title favourites Manchester City, has previously won league titles in which two countries?
 2 What is Wimbledon tennis champion Andy Murray's current world ranking?
 3 How old is Lancashire cricket captain Glen Chapple?
 4 Which striker for FA Cup finalists Hull scored in last season's French Cup final?
 5 In what position do this year's NFL draft prospects Johnny Manziel, Teddy Bridgewater and Blake Bortles all play?
 6 How many times have Derby been crowned champions of the English top flight?
 7 Which professional cycling teams did Chris Froome race for before he joined Team Sky?
 8 Grace Road is the home of which County Cricket Club?
 9 How many German drivers are in the top five of the current Formula One drivers' championship standings?
 10 What is Justin Rose's best finish in the PGA Championship?
 11 What is the nickname of newly-crown snooker world champion Mark Selby?
 12 From which club did Arsenal sign France striker Olivier Giroud in 2012?
 13 David Coulthard, Christian Klien and Robert Doornbos all drove for which team in the 2006 Formula One season?
 14 Who is currently the highest ranked European male in golf's world rankings?
 15 Australian bowler Steve Magoffin plays for which County Championship side?
 16 What was Elena Baltacha's highest position in the WTA Tour singles rankings?
 17 Amir Khan beat which American opponent by fifth-round knockout to unify the WBA and IBF light-welterweight titles in July 2011?
 18 Andy Hodd is a wicketkeeper-batsman for which county?
 19 Tony Rea has coached which Super Rugby side?
 20 Who did Bubba Watson beat in a play-off to win the Masters in 2012?

Answers: 1 Ecuador (with LDU) 2 Argentina (San Lorenzo and River Plate); 2 Eighth; 3 10; 4 Yannick Sagbo (for Espanyol); 5 Queretaro; 6 Twice 1972, 1975; 7 Team Konica Minolta and BBH Worldwide; 8 Twice 1972, 1975; 9 Nico Rosberg, Nico Hulkenberg and Lewis Hamilton; 10 Ted for Sebastian Vettel; 11 The Jester from Leicester; 12 Montpellier; 13 Red Bull; 14 Henrik Stenson; 15 Swiss; 16 46; 17 Zebุดا; 18 Dosthuzien; 19 20 Brumbies; 20 Louis Yorkshire; 21 Adam Rant; 22 Louis Dosthuzien.

HERE'S SOME



LAP up this excitement, it's World Cup squad time.

We should enjoy this little period of optimism because this summer's jaunt to Brazil is likely to prove a tough task on the field.

This Monday, though, so many long standing questions will be answered as Roy Hodgson names the men who will carry a nation's hopes with them as they jet off to South America.

Adam Rant is never likely to take over as England manager any time soon.

But, in honour of this landmark week, he has been asked by his overlords at *The Pink* to select his 23-man squad.

The first thing to note is that all three of the Saints candidates are in it.

Adam Lallana is a shoe-in.

He has matured to become one of the finest attacking talents in the Premier League, and has that mercurial sort of game, that drifting movement, that can so trouble continental defenders.

Lallana has the skills and the mentality to produce on a big stage and is not likely to be overawed by the big occasion.

His selection, though, was never going to cause many raised eyebrows.

Rickie Lambert also gets the nod.

Once more, it is much more likely than not that Hodgson too will go down that route.

With several pacy wide men in the midfield bracket, Hodgson doesn't need to take more than four strikers.

Three of those – Wayne Rooney, Daniel Sturridge and Danny Welbeck – have been assured of their places for some time.

The big question was whether Lambert could get the extra berth.

Hodgson has to take a different option, and that means a physically strong and imposing striker.

Lambert's only real competition was going to come from Andy Carroll.

If the West Ham man had managed any kind of form after getting fit again then he might well have edged it, as you always had the sense that Hodgson preferred him as an option.

But, quite simply, he has not had any form whatsoever to speak of.

Andy Carroll cannot be taken.

Lambert, on the other hand, has been playing very well.

His goals tally is perfectly respectable and his all round game has been getting better and better as the season has worn on. He can cause any defence a real handful.

The third, and far more marginal call, is that Adam Rant would take Luke Shaw.

The choice between Shaw and Ashley Cole is to be back-up to Leighton Baines.

Cole offers so much experience and Shaw will inevitably get his chance to be the England left back for a decade to come, but even so the younger man should go this time round.

It's not just form and game time that weighs in his favour,



Adam Rant

but that Hodgson must build for the future to a certain extent.

Adam Rant has never been one for sacrificing the here and now for such a reason, but as neither is particularly likely to play, neither will let you down and it is such a close call, better to go with the youth and let him get the experience of being around a major tournament such as this.

Also, if required,

Shaw does have that extra attacking edge to his game.

It's unlikely you will ever use him in a position further forward than he has ever played in the Saints first team, but it is another string to his bow.

Away from the Saints boys, there are certain positions that largely pick themselves.

Adam Rant has opted to take seven defenders due to the versatility of those picked.

There is a question mark that the



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TPS FOR ROY



HOPEFUL: Luke Shaw, main pic, and fellow Saints Rickie Lambert, top right, and Adam Lallana, bottom right, will find out soon if they have made it to Roy Hodgson's England squad for the World Cup.

Khan can't be picky

AMIR Khan has done all he can to get himself into position to fight Floyd Mayweather.

The Bolton boxer produced an impressive points victory over Luis Collazo in Las Vegas as Mayweather laboured to a victory against Marcos Maidana.

The main stumbling block for Khan is his refusal to fight to Mayweather's schedule of September due to Ramadan. It could yet be his



undoing as Mayweather rarely looks short of options and is not likely to carry on fighting too much longer.

Khan suggested the fight could be staged later in the year, but that is a little naive as Mayweather doesn't seem to bend his plans for anyone, which is the right he has earned given his record.

Mayweather would still be heavy favourite for the fight but you have to take your hat off to Khan for quite literally picking himself up off the canvas a few times to get himself in sight of a dream bout.

Rant cannot answer with Kyle Walker's medical records to hand, so Steven Caulker of Cardiff could deputise as Glen Johnson and Phil Jones can both play right back if required.

Adam Rant has given himself the chance to take nine midfielders, which is sensible given the possible variations in formation that might be tried.

Again, plenty of the selections are not controversial and fairly obvious.

As long as he is fit, Jack Wilshere should go, despite not playing for some time for Arsenal. In the end, Adam Rant

ended up with having to decide between two from three of James Milner, Ross Barkley and Michael Carrick.

It's not an easy call.

Milner offers versatility but Adam Rant isn't his biggest fan, Barkley is exciting but very much an emerging talent, while Carrick is an old head but one who has not enjoyed a particularly good season at Manchester United. In the end, with Steven Gerrard, Jordan Henderson, Wilshere and Frank Lampard all able to play

deep midfield roles, and Jones too if really required, he has opted for Milner and Barkley to take as many attacking options as possible and give youth a chance.

Whether Hodgson is going to agree with all this, or frantically change his plans if he happens to stumble upon a copy of this newspaper, who knows?

What is for sure is that it is an exciting

and wonderful day, and could be even better for this area given our interest.

Adam Rant's 23-man England squad

Goalkeepers: Hart, Foster, Ruddy

Defenders: Walker/Caulker, Johnson, Cahill, Jagielka, Jones, Baines, Shaw

Midfielders: Gerrard, Henderson, Lallana, Sterling, Chamberlain, Lampard, Wilshere, Milner, Barkley

Strikers: Rooney, Sturridge, Welbeck, Lambert

Adam Rant



BIG NAME: Southampton cyclist Dani King.

Women's cycling is on the rise

THE women's cycling Tour of Britain winds up over this weekend but the key to whether it becomes an annual event is surely a financial argument rather than an equality one.

Women's cycling has campaigned for extra road races and have started to get their wish.

That is good news all round, but it has to be backed up by the numbers.

All sport these days has a business element to it, and there is little doubt there is plenty of money in the likes of the Tour de France and the other top level events that take place in this sport where sponsorship is so huge.

Women's cycling should not need to prove its worth as a sport. We can see how good the athletes are and how exciting the events can be.

What it needs to prove is that it is financially viable.

If it is then of course it should remain on the calendar. Not only that but it will actually thrive naturally.

If not then it cannot survive purely for equality, as lovely a wish as that might be.

Ex-Saint Monk has it all to do

GARRY Monk has landed the Swansea job on a permanent basis but staying in it for the full three years of his contract won't be easy.

Monk, pictured, is one of those new breed of managers who has made the transition from playing straight into Premier League management.

That is always tough, due to the very steep learning curve.

You don't have the knowledge and experience of management to ride through a crisis with confidence, meaning you are learning on the hoof.

To survive in the big league like that asks a lot.



Non-league Football

Non-league News

Herbet's late goal seals cup final win

A CLAUDIO Herbert goal ten minutes from time brought Andover Town their first ever cup success at Salisbury City FC.

Against all the odds, they overcame Bemerton Heath Harlequins 3-2 in the Salisbury Hospital Cup final.

The Sydenhams Premier Division favourites were a goal up inside 30 seconds – the Andover defence snoozing when Tom Moseley drilled a shot past Jake Wellesley-Davies.

Happily for Town they equalised right on half-time when Lewis Benson was fouled 20 yards out and ex-Saint Lloyd Foot deceived Max Frampton in the Harlequins' goal with a curling free-kick.



It was sweet justice as Benson had been crudely dealt with more than once on his return to the ground where he was a full-time pro a few years ago.

While Bemerton licked their wounds, Alex Dockree unleashed a shot from distance and the slightest of deflections took it into the net to give Town a 2-1 half-time lead few would have predicted five minutes earlier.

With tempers never far from flaring, Herbert, pictured above, brought a stunning save from Frampton before Bemerton were handed a lifeline with 15 minutes to go. Dan Young took advantage of a defensive slip and hammered home the equaliser to set up a dramatic finale.

Andover's winner arrived on 82 minutes when Herbert's instant control brought him time to drill a shot in off the far post.

Oli Yates then hit the Bemerton upright before, in added time, man-of-the-match Foot made a crucial clearance.

For triumphant Andover boss Neil Benson it was a taste of what to expect come the beginning of August when his side – runners-up in Division One – start life in the Sydenhams Premier.

SHOLING STROLL

Diaper's men carried all before them on their brief return to the Sydenhams Wessex League

PARTY TIME: Sholing's title-winning side are given a guard of honour in their final home game of the campaign and, right, the title-winning squad.



CHAMPS: Tyrone Bowers lifts the league trophy.

SHOLING have stormed to their first ever Wessex League title on the back of one of the best defences in league history.

The Boatmen only conceded 29 goals in their 42 games in 2013/14 at an average of 0.69 goals per game.

Since the Wessex League was formed in 1986, only six clubs have enjoyed a better defensive record.

	Gls	Gm	Av
Lymington 1996/97	22	40	0.55
Totton 1986/87	21	32	0.65
Lymington 1992/93	27	40	0.67
Thatcham 1995/96	27	40	0.67
Wimborne 1992/93	27	40	0.67
Lymington 1999/2000	27	40	0.67
Sholing 2013/14	29	42	0.69
Lymington 1997/98	27	38	0.71
Gosport 2006/07	27	38	0.71
Bashley 1987/88	24	32	0.75



game.

Not only was that 19 goals away from equalling Andover's Wessex record set in 2001, it was not even a Sholing record.

Dave Diaper's men rattled in 141 goals en route to finishing runners-up to Poole Town in the 2008/09 campaign.

Then under the guise of VTFC, that was the club's last season in the Wessex prior to the one which has just finished.

Andover's 153-goal record was set in the 2000/01 season, but the club boast-

ed a better goals per game ratio the previous season when they scored six fewer goals but played four fewer games.

	Gls	Gm	Av
Andover 2000/01	153	44	3.47
Andover 1999/2000	147	40	3.67
Poole 2008/09	144	42	3.42
'Sholing 2008/09	141	42	3.35
Andover 2001/02	138	44	3.13
Winchester 2011/12	138	42	3.28
Andover 1993/94	137	42	3.26
Sholing 2013/14	134	42	3.19
Poole 2010/11	132	42	3.14

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TO LEAGUE TITLE



AWARDS: Sholing boss Dave Diaper presents long service awards to three Sholing stars. From left: Marc Diaper, Lee Bright and Kevin Brewster.

Non-league News

Uncertain future for Cuffie and Sullivan

CHRISTCHURCH assistant boss Bob Sullivan has vowed to resolve the club's failure to field a full side in consecutive Sydenham Premier maulings – should he get the chance.

Priory ended the season in embarrassing fashion, starting with just ten players in both their 12-0 thrashing at Newport Iow and an 8-0 caning at champions Sholing.

Having stood in for manager Michael Cuffie, pictured below, who was unavailable due to a pre-arranged personal commitment, Sullivan was hit with a list of five suspensions while many of the club's youngsters were representing Brockenhurst College in a cup final at the National Football Centre.

Despite those dismal showings, Sullivan insists he and Cuffie want to stay in charge. But, while remaining supportive



of the management team, chairman Mark Duffy would not be drawn on their positions next term.

"People will criticise us and rightly so. You get what you deserve if you turn up with ten men and we have to take it on the chin," said Sullivan.

"It's a shame because it takes the shine off what has been a good season.

"A few things need to be sorted out and we will sit down with the club's other managers and committee over the summer.

"We have made mistakes which we must learn from, but you have to start somewhere and we have finished in the same position as (Cuffie's predecessor) Graham Kemp did during his first season with the club.

"We feel like we are at the start of something and would like the chance to carry on."

Chairman Duffy said: "We will sit down as a club and everyone involved with each of our teams can have their say.

"There is an awful lot to discuss and a lot of things need to be said behind closed doors, but I would be disappointed if Michael and Bob didn't want to carry on next year."

SEE MONDAY'S ECHO FOR MORE SHOLING NEWS

REVIEW OF THE 2013/14 SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE



CHAMPS: Sholing vice-chairman Arthur Fox with the Sydenhams Wessex League Premier Division trophy.

SHOLING (1st, Prem)

SHOLING were virtually everyone's pre season tips to be crowned Wessex League champions for the first time, and so it proved.

They started with five successive wins (scoring 16 goals) and ended the campaign with five more (scoring 21 times).

In between, it was generally a tale of more wins and more goals.

Sholing are returning to the Southern League in 2014/15, so won't be around to defend their title.

Aug 6: Romsey Town (H) W 5-0	Carter, Jarvis
Wort 2, Cox, Barry Mason, Byron	
Mason	
Aug 9: Bournemouth (H) W 1-0	
Bowers (pen)	
Aug 13: Alresford Town (H) W 4-0	
Byron Mason 2 Jarvis, Wort (pen)	
Aug 20: Downton (A) W 3-0	
Wort 2 Jarvis	
Aug 23: Blackfield (H) W 3-2	
Brewster, Castle, Jarvis	
Aug 27: Bemerton (A) D 2-2	
Carter, McLean	
Sept 7: Hamworthy (A) W 4-0	
Bowers, Fennemore, Miller, Wort	
Sept 21: Whitchurch (A) W 2-1	
Bowers Wort	
Oct 1: Moneyfields (H) W 3-1	
Bowers Fennemore Wort	
Oct 5: Winchester City (A) W 3-0	
Castle Jarvis Wort	
Oct 12: Newport (IOW) (H) D 1-1	
Byron Mason	
Oct 25: Fareham Town (H) W 6-0	
Bright, Barry Mason, Wort, Castle,	
Byron Mason, Jarvis	
Nov 2: Totton & Eling (A) W 3-0	
Taylor, Jarvis, Byron Mason	
Nov 9: Fawley (H) W 3-0	
Diaper, Jarvis, Wort	
Nov 23: Christchurch (A) W 3-0	
Castle, McLean, Barry Mason	
Nov 30: Lymington Town (H) W 5-1	
Jarvis 3, Cox, Barry Mason	
Dec 14: Alresford Town (A) W 3-2	
Bowers, Jarvis, Wort	
Dec 17: Brockenhurst (H) W 5-0	
Jarvis 2, Wort 2, Barry Mason	
Dec 26: Folland (A) W 2-1	
Castle, Wort	
Dec 28: Downton (H) W 12-1	
Wort 4, Jarvis 3, Bowers, Diaper,	
Byron Mason, Sawyer, Watts	
Jan 11: Bemerton (H) W 2-1	

Aug 3: Newport IOW (A) L 4-0

Aug 6: Blackfield (A) W 4-3

McErney 2, Bentley, Glasspool

Aug 10: Brockenhurst (A) W 2-0

S Mott, Bentley

Aug 13: Sholing (A) L 4-0

Aug 24: Winchester (A) D 2-2

Manning, Bentley

Sept 7: Totton and Eling (H) W 4-1

Strange, Cope, McErney, Glasspool

Sept 14: Lymington (H) W 4-2

Brown 2, Hall, Bentley

Sept 17: Verwood (H) W 1-0

Brown

Sept 21: Bemerton HH (H) W 5-3

Strange, Bentley 2, Glasspool 2

Sept 24: H'wthorw Utd (H) W 4-0

Brown 2, Bentley, Glasspool

Sept 28: Fawley (A) W 7-0

McErney, Everett, Brown, Glasspool,

Bentley 3

Oct 5: Porchester (H) D 2-2

Cope, S Mott

Oct 12: Christchurch (A) W 2-0

Walker (OG), Hall

Oct 15: Fareham (H) L 4-1

McErney

Oct 26: Romsey (A) W 3-0

Wright, Brown, Bentley

Nov 2: B'mouth (H) D 2-2

Brown, A Mott

Nov 9: Brockenhurst (H) W 3-0

McErney, Bentley, Manning

Nov 12: Hordean (A) L 2-1

Brown

Nov 23: Folland Sports (H) W 6-1

Bentley 3, Glasspool, Wood, McErney

Nov 30: Downton (A) W 3-1

McErney, Cope, A Mott

Dec 10: Bemerton HH (A) W 5-1

Bentley 2, Glasspool, Cope, Strange

Dec 14: Sholing (H) L 3-2

McErney, Cope

April 8: Brockenhurst (A) L 2-0

April 10: Newport (IOW) (A) W 2-0

Baldacchino, Barry Mason

April 12: Lymington Town (A) W 4-0

Baldacchino, Sawyer, Jarvis,

Brewster

April 15: AFC Portchester (A) . D 1-1

Cuthbertson

April 17: Fareham Town (A) . D 1-1

Cox

April 19: Verwood Town (H) . W 4-1

Wort 3, Sawyer

April 21: Folland Sports (H) . L 3-2

Baldacchino 2

24 Whitchurch United .H W 4-1

Wort 2, Barry Mason, Jarvis

April 26: Hordean (A) W 5-0

Wort 2, Diaper, Jarvis, Barry Mason

April 29: Moneyfields (A) W 3-0

Fennemore, Wort, Jarvis

May 1: Christchurch (H) W 8-0

Wort 3, Byron Mason 2, Barry

Mason, Watts, Cox

May 3: AFC Portchester (H) . W 1-0

Watts

May 11: Bemerton (H) W 2-1

Watts

Aug 3: Newport IOW (H) W 5-1

McErney, Green, Bentley, Manning,

Glasspool

Feb 4: Winchester (H) W 3-0

Bentley, Glasspool, Cope

Feb 22: Christchurch (H) W 7-1

Bentley 4, Glasspool, McErney, S Mott

Mar 1: Lymington (A) W 3-2

Bentley, Glasspool, A Mott

Mar 4: T & Eling (A) W 4-0

S Mott, Strange, Odeh, Bentley

Mar 8: Romsey (H) W 2-0

Bentley 2

Mar 12: Verwood (A) W 5-0

Glasspool, Bentley 2, S Mott, Odeh

Mar 15: B'mouth (A) W 2-1

Bentley, McErney

Mar 18: W'church (H) W 3-0

McErney 3

Mar 20: Fareham (A) W 3-1

S Mott, Bentley, Glasspool

Mar 22: Hamworthy (A) W 2-0

Glasspool 2

Mar 25: Fawley (H) W 4-0

Bentley 2, Cope 2

Mar 29: Hordean (H) D 2-2

Glasspool, Bentley

Apr 1: Sholing (WLC) (A) W 2-0

McErney, Cope

Apr 3: Sandhurst (ASC) (H) W 5-1

A Mott, S Mott, Glasspool, Hall, McErney

Apr 5: Folland S (A) L 1-0

Apr 8: W'church (H) W 2-1

Glasspool 2

Apr 12: Downton (H) W 3-2

Cope 2, Dempsey

Apr 15: Moneyfields (A) L 3-1

Bentley

Apr 19: Portchester (A) W 2-0

Bentley, Strange

Apr 21: Whitchurch (A) W 3-0

A Mott, Bentley, Hall

Apr 26: Moneyfields (A) W 3-2

Cope 2, Manning

Sept 14: Newport (IOW) (H) L 3-2

Graham, Long

Sept 18: Hamworthy (A) D 1-1

Dudley

Sept 24: Winchester (A) L 4-5

Betteridge 2, Turvey, Long

Sept 28: Fareham (A) L 1-0

Long 3

Oct 1: AFC Portchester (H) D 1-1

Betteridge

Oct 5: Totton & Eling (H) W 5-1

Betteridge 2, Long 2, Turvey

Oct 12: Fawley (A) W 3-1

Long 3

Oct 26: Christchurch Th (A) W 2-1

Turvey, Barron

Nov 2: Lymington (H) W 2-0

Barron, Turvey

Nov 5: Bournemouth (H) W 4-1

Betteridge, Burt, Easton, Vinton

Nov 23: Alresford (A) L 6-1

Barron

Nov 26: Romsey Town (A) D 2-2

Long, Mason

Nov 30: Hordean (H) W 3-0

Barron, Long, Mason

Dec 7: Brockenhurst (A) D 2-2

Gosney, Mason

Dec 10: Downton (A) W 2-1

Barron, Mason

Dec 14: Blackfield (H) W 5-0

Long, Mason, Turvey

Dec 21: Sholing (A) W 3-2

Long, Mason, Turvey

Dec 26: Bemerton (H) L 2-0

Long, Mason, Turvey

Dec 28: Downton (H) W 1-0

Long, Mason, Turvey

Dec 30: Hordean (H) W 1-0

Long, Mason, Turvey

Dec 31: Christchurch (H) W 1-0

Long, Mason, Turvey

Jan 1: AFC Portchester (H) W 1-0

Long, Mason, Turvey

Jan 4: Sholing (H) W 1-0

Long, Mason, Turvey

Jan 11: Bemerton (H) L 2-1

Long, Mason, Turvey

Jan 14: Bemerton (H) W 1-0

Long, Mason, Turvey

Jan 18: Bemerton (H) W 1-0

Long, Mason, Turvey

Jan 25: Newport (IOW) (A) W 1-0

Long, Mason, Turvey

Feb 1: Bemerton (H) W 1-0

Long, Mason, Turvey

Feb 8: Bemerton (H) W 1-0

Long, Mason, Turvey

Feb 15: Bemerton (H) W 1-0

Long, Mason, Turvey

Feb 22: Bemerton (H) W 1-0

Long, Mason, Turvey

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NEWPORT IoW (4th, Prem)

NEWPORT certainly finished their league season in style.

They ended with four straight wins, culminating in a 12-0 hammering of 10-man visitors Christchurch.

Their only loss in their last 15 league games of the campaign was a 2-0 home defeat to champions

Sholing in April.

The Islanders had started the season well, too, with a 4-0 romp against eventual runners-up Alresford.

There were a couple of bad losses, though – such as a 4-1 home drubbing by Brockenhurst and a shock home defeat to lowly Totton & Eling.

Aug 3: Alresford Town (H)W 4-0
McInnes 2, Younie, Evans

Aug 10: Fawley (H)D 2-2

Manning, Yourie

Aug 13: AFC Portchester (A)D 2-2
Giancovich, Seabrook

Aug 20: Romsey (H)W 3-1

McInnes, Scovell, Smeeton

Aug 24: Bournemouth (A)W 4-2
Evans, Seabrook, Scovell, Smeeton

Sept 7: Downton (H)W 7-0

McInnes 4, Evans, Smeeton, McKie

Sept 14: Folland (A)W 3-2

Seabrook 2, Smeeton

Sept 17: Totton & Eling (A)W 4-0

Seabrook 2, Powell, Evans

Sept 21: Moneyfields (H)W 2-1

Evans, Younie

Sept 28: Blackfield (A)L 1-0

Oct 1: Horndean (H)W 3-0

Seabrook 2, Smeeton

Oct 5: Bemerton (H)W 3-0

Smeeton 2, Powell

Oct 12: Sholing (A)D 1-1

Seabrook

Oct 19: Brockenhurst (H)L 4-1

Smeeton

Oct 26: Whitchurch (A)L 1-0

Nov 2: Downton (A)W 3-2

McInnes, Scovell, Seabrook

Nov 5: Verwood (H)W 2-0

Scovell, Seabrook

Nov 9: Winchester City (A)W 2-0

Powell, Smeeton

Nov 23: Hamworthy (H)W 5-1

Nov 30: Fareham Town (A)D 4-4

Seabrook 2, McInnes, Smeeton

Dec 7: Totton & Eling (H)L 2-1

Seabrook

Dec 11: Fawley (A)W 5-0

Corbett 3, Knowles, Powell

Dec 14: AFC Portchester (H)D 1-1

Powell

Dec 28: Romsey Town (A)W 4-0

Giancovich, McInnes, Seabrook, Evans

Jan 11: Alresford Town (A)L 5-1

Evans

Jan 25: Folland (H)L 1-0

Feb 22: Winchester (H)L 2-0

Feb 26: Bournemouth (H)D 2-2

Smeeton 2

Mar 4: Lymington (H)W 4-0

Smeeton 3, Sampson

Mar 8: Whitchurch (H)D 1-1

Fleming

Mar 11: Horndean (A)W 3-1

Powell, Sampson, Smeeton

Mar 15: Verwood (A)W 2-1

McInnes, Scovell

Mar 17: Christchurch (A)W 2-0

Scovell, Smeeton

Mar 25: Blackfield (H)W 2-1

Seabrook, Smeeton

Mar 29: Brockenhurst (A)D 0-0

That led to the return of Neil Hards, the man who

Apr 1: Moneyfields (A)W 2-1

Seabrook, Streeter

Apr 5: Hamworthy (A)D 2-2

Seabrook, McInnes

Apr 10: Sholing (H)L 2-0

Apr 12: Fareham (H)W 2-1

Seabrook, Smeeton

Apr 19: Bemerton (A)W 2-0

Giancovich 2

Apr 21: Lymington Town (A)W 2-0

Smeeton, Younie

Apr 26: Christchurch (H)W 12-0

Scovell 3, Smeeton 3, Seabrook 2,

McInnes 2, Younie



ON THE BALL: Chris Flood during Winchester's 2-0 home win over Lymington Town last month.

WINCHESTER CITY (5th, Prem)

UNDER new manager Graham Kemp, Winchester started the season well.

They won five and drew two of their first seven games to emerge as the early-season front-runners.

But they later suffered a surprise home loss to promoted Whitchurch before Kemp departed after a shock defeat at Verwood.

That led to the return of Neil Hards, the man who

guided Winchester to the 2004 FA Vase and Wessex League title.

Last month, though, Hards announced he was stepping down at the end of the season for personal reasons.

Danny Robinson and Tim Cole, the men who have masterminded Alresford's stunning form over the last two seasons, have been entrusted with taking City back into the Southern League.

Flood, Mason

Dec 10: AFC Portchester (A)W 3-0

Flood, 2, Mason

Dec 14: Christchurch (H)W 3-0

Flood, Robinson, Tomasso

Dec 28: Bournemouth (A)W 4-3

Flood, Robinson, Webber, Phillips

Dec 30: Romsey Town (H)L 3-2

Flood, Plummer

Jan 11: Horndean (H)W 3-0

Flood, 2, Scott

Jan 14: Lymington (A)W 5-1

Flood, 3, Mason, Phillips

Feb 4: Alresford Town (A)L 3-0

Feb 11: Folland (A)L 0-2

Feb 22: Newport (IOW) (A)W 2-0

Flood, Mason

Feb 25: Downton (H)W 2-0

Mason, Mills

Mar 4: Bemerton (H)L 2-0

Mar 8: Verwood (A)W 1-0

Mason

Mar 11: Sholing (A)L 2-1

Roberts

Mar 15: Brockenhurst (A)L 3-2

Holloway, Kaiser

Mar 18: Blackfield (A)D 0-0

Ford

Mar 27: Whitchurch (A)L 2-1

Wilson

Apr 5: Fareham (A)D 1-1

Phillips

Apr 12: Totton & Eling (H)W 4-0

Wilson 4

Apr 21: Romsey (A)W 2-0

Apr 26: Lymington (H)W 2-0

Wilson, Flood

BLACKFIELD & LANGLEY (6th, Prem)

BLACKFIELD never looked likely to stand a chance of retaining their title.

The Waterside club suffered financial problems mid season which saw some of their championship-winning squad depart.

Alex Baldacchino started the season scoring

goals, but he ended the campaign at champions Sholing.

Ex-Totton & Eling striker Craig Feeney, with 16 league goals to his name, emerged as a leading marksman for the club, who ended the campaign well with five wins and two draws in their last seven matches.

Feeney 2
Dec 14: Folland Sports (A)L 5-0
Dec 17: Whitchurch Utd (H)W 2-1
Lynch, Feeney

Dec 28: Bemerton HH (A)L 2-1
Williams

Jan 21: Downton (H)D 2-2
Feeney, Hubbard

Feb 4: Sholing (H)W 3-1
Feeney, Satterley, Williams

Feb 22: Fareham Town (A)W 3-1
Satterley 3

Feb 25: Alresford Town (A)L 5-1
Satterley

Mar 1: Totton & Eling (H)W 1-0
Satterley

Mar 5: Brockenhurst (A)L 4-1
Warren

Mar 8: Fawley (H)L 2-0
Mar 11: Moneyfields (A)L 4-2
Satterley 2

Mar 15: AFC Portchester (A)D 1-1
Castles

Mar 18: Winchester City (H)D 0-0
Mar 22: Christchurch (H)D 2-2
Gibbons, Parry

Mar 25: Newport (IOW) (A)L 2-1
Warren

Mar 29: Lymington Town (A)W 3-2
Warren 2, Parry

Apr 2: Verwood Town (A)D 0-0
Gibbons, Lynch, Roberts, Soetan, Sampson 2

Apr 5: Romsey Town (H)W 2-1
Feeney, Warren

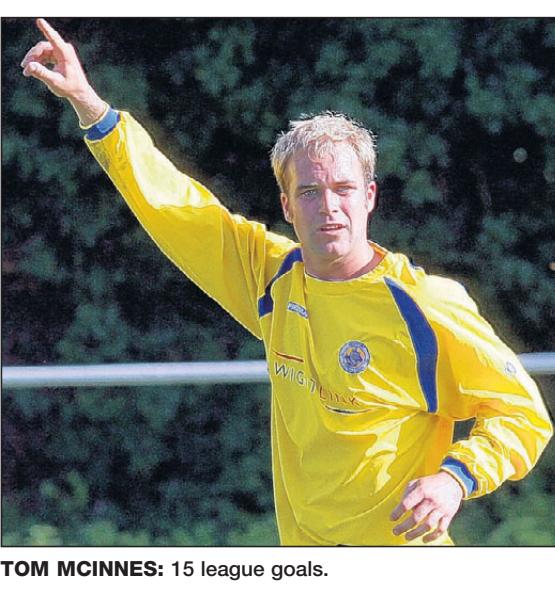
Apr 12: Bournemouth (A)D 2-2
Durley, J Byrne

Apr 19: Hamworthy Utd (H)W 2-0
Feeney 2

Apr 22: Brockenhurst (H)W 1-0
Satterley

Apr 26: Downton (A)W 3-1
Feeney 2, Warren

OPENING LEAGUE GOAL: Ross Bottomley, left.



TOM MCINNES: 15 league goals.

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JOE SANGER: Set the seal on Bemerton's 3-1 victory over Downton last month.

BEMERTON HH (7th, Prem)

IT was an inconsistent season for the Salisbury club.

There were certainly highlights, Joe Sanger hitting a double hat-trick in an 8-0 home win over Totton & Eling in October and a 6-0 home romp against Bournemouth in the second game of the season.

But there were also low

points, such as a 7-0 mauling at champions Sholing the following month.

Bemerton were also caned 5-1 at eventual runners-up Alresford.

Aug 3: Fareham Town (A)L 2-1
Roberts
Aug 6: Bournemouth (H)W 6-0
Dawes, O'Keefe 3, Sanger, Roberts
Aug 10: Hamworthy Utd (A)L 3-2
Dawes, Young
Aug 13: Horndean (H)D 3-3
Cook, O'Keefe, Young
Aug 20: Blackfield & Langley (A)L 2-1
Roberts
Aug 24: Brockenhurst (H)W 3-0
Eves, Young, Mankin
Aug 27: Sholing (H)D 2-2
Mankin, Sanger
Aug 31: Romsey Town (A)W 3-1
Mankin, O'Keefe 2

Sept 3: Christchurch (H)W 5-1
Eves, Mankin 3, O' Keefe
Sep 7: Verwood Town (A)W 5-1
Dawes, Sanger, Young
Sep 10: Hamworthy Utd (H)W 2-0
Slade, Young
Sep 14: Whitchurch Utd (H)L 3-2
Slade, Young
Sep 21: Alresford Town (A)L 5-3
Mankin 2, Roberts
Sep 28: Winchester City (H)L 1-0
Oct 5: Newport (IOW) (A)L 3-0
Oct 8: Moneyfields (A)L 4-3
O' Keefe, Roberts, Dawes
Oct 15: Hamworthy Utd (H)W 4-0
Eves, O'Keefe 2, Whitcher
Oct 19: Horndean (A)W 3-2
Mankin, Sanger, Dawes
Oct 26: Totton & Eling (H)W 8-0
Sanger 6, Young, Dawes
Nov 2: Fawley (A)W 3-1
O'Keefe, Sanger
Nov 5: Fareham Town (A)W 3-0
Eves, O' Keefe 2

AFC PORTCHESTER (8th, Prem)

FORMER Winchester and Hamble striker Jamie Musselwhite scored over 20 league goals as Graham Rix guided Portchester to a top eight finish.

They were particularly hard on Totton & Eling, winning 6-1 away and hammering the Eels 7-0 at home three days after Christmas.

Portchester showed they were capable of giving the leading clubs a good game, only conceding two goals in two games to Sholing and also drawing with second placed Alresford and third placed Folland.

Aug 6: Verwood Town (H)D 2-2
Kirby, Stockford
Aug 10: Winchester (A)L 2-1
Aug 13: Newport (IOW) (H)D 2-2
Hardy, Stockford
Aug 20: Totton & Eling (A)W 6-1
Musselwhite 2, Kirby 2, Stockford, Castles
Aug 24: Fawley (H)W 4-2
Holmes 2, Musselwhite, Kirby
Aug 26: Brockenhurst (A)W 3-1
Pottage 2, Holmes
Sept 3: Romsey Town (A)W 4-0
Kirby, Musselwhite, Thompson, Woods
Sept 25: Christchurch (A)W 3-2
Kirby, Thompson, Stockford
Oct 1: Folland Sports (A)D 1-1
Musselwhite
Oct 5: Alresford Town (A)D 2-2
Kirby 2
Oct 12: Horndean (H)W 1-0
Musselwhite
Oct 15: Lymington Town (H)W 4-0
Woods 2, Musselwhite, Bye
Oct 26: Downton (H)W 6-0
Woods 2, Kirby 2, Thompson, Musselwhite
Oct 29: Bournemouth (H)W 2-0
Kirby, Musselwhite
Nov 2: Blackfield (A)D 0-0
Nov 9: Bemerton (H)W 3-0
Woods 2, Kirby
Nov 23: Moneyfields (A)L 1-0
Nov 27: Verwood Town (A)D 2-2
Musselwhite, Kirby
Nov 30: Whitchurch United (H)D 1-1
Musselwhite
Dec 12: Winchester City (H)L 3-0
Dec 14: Newport (IOW) (A)D 1-1
Musselwhite
Dec 28: Totton & Eling (H)W 7-0
Lynch 3, Musselwhite 2, Salter-Vaile, Moody
Feb 18: Lymington Town (A)W 2-0
Lynch 2
Feb 22: Horndean (A)W 1-0
Moody
Mar 1: Folland Sports (H)L 2-0
Mar 6: Fareham Town (A)D 1-1
Musselwhite
Mar 8: Downton (A)D 3-3
Musselwhite 3
Mar 15: Blackfield (H)D 1-1
Castles
Mar 18: Romsey Town (H)W 4-0
Salter-Vaile 2, Thomson, Thompson, Mar 20: Christchurch (H)W 2-0
Kirby, Hardy
Mar 22: Bemerton (A)L 2-1
Thompson
Mar 25: Brockenhurst (H)W 3-0
Lynch, Wells, Thompson
Apr 1: Hamworthy United (H)L 3-1
Lynch
Apr 3: Bournemouth (A)D 1-1
OG
Apr 5: Moneyfields (H)W 2-0
Thomson, Lynch
Apr 8: Fawley (A)W 3-0
Kirby, Musselwhite, Wells
Apr 12: Whitchurch United (A)W 1-0
Wells
Apr 15: Sholing (H)D 1-1
Castles
Apr 19: Alresford Town (H)L 2-0
Apr 21: Fareham Town (H)W 3-2
Maddison, Noakes, Thompson
Apr 26: Hamworthy United (A)W 2-1
Musselwhite 2
May 3: Sholing (A)L 1-0



KEY GOALS: Jamie Musselwhite, centre.



AWAY THE LADS: Action from Moneyfields' (Yellow) first league away win of the season, 1-0 at Romsey Town.

MONEYFIELDS (9th, Prem)

THE Portsmouth area side started the season well, winning three in a row after an opening day draw at Winchester.

But they then suffered a run of five losses and two draws in a seven-game run that shattered any early season optimism.

Always capable of giving the best teams a good

game, Alresford were full of praise for Moneyfields after losing 3-1 there late in the season.

They were then winning 2-1 at Alresford in their penultimate fixture before the hosts scored two late goals.

Aug 3: Winchester City (A)D 0-0
Aug 6: Lymington Town (H)W 4-2
Hutchings 2, Green, Scott
Aug 10: Romsey Town (A)W 1-0
Evans
Aug 13: Bournemouth (H)W 2-0
Hutchings, Scott
Aug 20: Folland Sports (A)L 2-1
Green
Aug 24: Downton (H)D 0-0
Aug 26: Blackfield (A)D 1-1
Hutchings
Sept 21: Newport (IOW) (A)L 2-1
Gauntlet
Sept 24: Brockenhurst (H)L 2-1
Hunt
Sept 28: Whitchurch (A)L 1-0
Oct 1: Sholing (A)L 3-1
Green
Oct 5: Verwood (A)W 3-0
Green 2, Hunt
Oct 8: Bemerton (H)W 4-3
Raine 2, Hutchings 2
Oct 12: Winchester City (H)L 2-1
Raine
Oct 26: Hamworthy (H)W 4-2
Hunt 2, Lee, Bailey
Nov 20: Fawley (A)W 2-1
Hunt, Green
Nov 23: AFC Portchester (H)W 1-0
Evans
Nov 30: Christchurch (A)D 1-1
Blake-Sullivan
Dec 4: Totton & Eling (H)W 3-2
Hutchings 2, Hunt
Dec 10: Romsey Town (H)W 1-0
Hunt
Dec 14: Bournemouth (A)D 2-2
Scott 2
Dec 17: Lymington Town (A)W 2-0
Raine 2
Feb 7: Bemerton (A)W 1-0
Hutchings
Feb 14: Horndean (A)D 2-2
Hutchings, Raine
Feb 22: Hamworthy (A)D 1-1
Slater
Feb 24: Folland Sports (H)L 3-0
Mar 4: Downton (A)D 1-1
Green
Mar 8: Fareham Town (A)W 3-2
Green 2, Hutchings
Mar 11: Blackfield (H)W 4-2
Green, Hutchings, Morgan, Raine
Mar 15: Fareham Town (H)W 3-0
Green 2, Hutchings
Mar 19: Brockenhurst (A)W 3-0
Evans 2, Green
Mar 22: Totton & Eling (A)W 4-2
N'Doye, Bailey, Scott, OG
Mar 29: Fawley (H)D 1-1
Evans
Apr 1: Newport (IOW) (H)L 2-1
Hunt
Apr 5: AFC Portchester (A)L 2-0
Apr 8: Verwood Town (H)W 3-1
Hutchings 2, Hunt
Apr 10: Whitchurch (H)L 1-0
Apr 12: Christchurch (A)D 1-1
Hutchings
Apr 15: Alresford Town (H)W 3-1
Green 2, Hutchings
Apr 21: Horndean (H)W 5-0
Evans, Hunt, Hutchings, Glen, Scott
Apr 26: Alresford Town (A)L 3-2
Green 2
Apr 29: Sholing (H)L 3-0

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FAREHAM TOWN (10th, Prem)

FAREHAM, as befitting their league position in mid table, endured an inconsistent season.

They started the term with three wins and a draw in their first four outings.

But they then lost 5-2 to Horndean and 4-2 to Brockenhurst in successive away games.

After beating lowly Downton 6-0, Fareham then lost by the same

score in consecutive matches against Winchester and Sholing.

They belted nine goals in two successive wins against Lymington and Verwood in April, before ending the season with three straight losses.

Aug 3: Bemerton (H)W 2-1
Knight 2
Aug 6: Hamworthy (H)D 1-1
McKie
Aug 13: Totton & Eling (A)W 1-0
Tattersall
Aug 20: Christchurch (H)W 3-2
Jones, Knight, Tigwell
Aug 26: Romsey (H)D 2-2
Lindsey, Martin

Sept 3: Horndean (A)L 5-2
Tattersall, Martin
Sept 18: Brockenhurst (A)L 4-2
Lindsey, Wilson
Sept 24: Bournemouth (A)W 3-2
Austin, Tattersall, Bradbury,
Sept 28: Folland (H)W 1-0
Austin

Oct 5: Downton (H)W 6-0
Lindsey 3, Austin, Bradbury, Tattersall
Oct 12: Blackfield & Langley (A)L 2-0
Oct 15: Alresford Town (A)W 4-1
Boud, Murphy, Lindsey, Tattersall
Oct 25: Sholing (A)L 6-0

Nov 23: Winchester (A)L 6-0
Nov 30: Newport (IOW) (H)D 4-4
Tattersall, Wilson, Boam, OG

Dec 7: Hamworthy (A)D 0-0
Dec 12: Totton & Eling (H)W 5-4
Wilson 3, Knight, Lewis

Jan 11: Romsey Town (A)W 2-0
Lindsey, Austin

Feb 22: Blackfield (H)L 3-1
Wilson
Feb 26: Christchurch (A)D 1-1
Cotton

Feb 15: Downton (A)W 3-2
Cotton, Jones, Tattersall

Mar 1: Bemerton (A)L 4-2
Austin, Cotton

Mar 6: AFC Portchester (H)D 1-1
Austin
Mar 8: Moneyfields (H)L 3-2
Wilson 2

Mar 15: Moneyfields (A)L 3-0
Mar 18: Lymington (A)L 3-0

Mar 20: Alresford (H)L 3-1
Lindsey
Mar 25: Folland (A)L 5-1
Austin

Mar 29: Verwood Town (A)W 3-1
Lewis, Lindsey, Tattersall

Mar 22: Whitchurch (H)W 1-0
Wilson
Apr 1: Whitchurch (A)W 4-0
Wilson 2, Tigwell, Knight

Apr 3: Horndean (H)W 2-1
Lindsey, Wilson

Apr 5: Winchester (H)D 1-1
Tayler

Apr 8: Lymington Town (H)W 5-0
Boud 2, Cotton, Wheeler, Lindsey

Apr 10: Verwood (H)W 4-0
Wilson, Bester, Austin, OG

Apr 12: Newport (A)L 2-1
Wilson

Apr 15: Fawley (H)W 2-0
Boud, Lindsey

Apr 17: Sholing (H)D 1-1
Tigwell

Apr 19: Bournemouth (H)W 2-1
Pittman, Tattersall

Apr 21: AFC Portchester (A)L 3-2
Tattersall 2

Apr 24: Brockenhurst (H)L 2-0
Apr 26: Fawley (A)L 1-0



WIN DOUBLE: Scott Joyce netted a brace in Brockenhurst's 4-2 home win over Fareham Town in September.

BROCKENHURST (11th, Prem)

BROCKENHURST easily survived in their first season back in the Wessex Premier after winning the second tier title 12 months earlier.

Youngster Braiden Hamilton was the two-goal hero of their best

victory, a 2-0 home success against champions Sholing in April.

Brock then lost three in a row before signing off the season with successive wins against Fareham and Totton & Eling.

Aug 3: Downton (A)D 3-3

Brooks, McGregor 2

Aug 6: Folland Sports (A)D 0-0

Aug 10: Alresford Town (H)L 2-0

Aug 14: Verwood Town (H)W 2-1

Joyce 2

Aug 21: Fawley (H)L 2-1

Aug 24: Bemerton HH (A)L 3-0

Aug 26: AFC Porchester (H)L 3-1

Joyce

Sep 18: Fareham Town (H)W 4-2

Joyce 2, Kenna 2

Sep 24: Moneyfields (A)L 2-1

Barker, Jefferies

Sep 28: Lymington Town (H)D 3-3

Joyce, Kenna

Oct 5: Whitchurch Utd (A)D 1-1

Tate

Oct 12: Romsey Town (H)W 4-1

Joyce 2, Tickle 2

Oct 19: Newport (IOW) (A)W 4-1

Joyce 3, Holmes (OG)

Oct 26: Bournemouth (H)L 3-1

Barker

Oct 30: Verwood Town (A)W 1-0

Plummer

Nov 2: Winchester City (A)L 4-0

Nov 9: Alresford Town (A)L 3-0

Nov 16: Christchurch (H)W 3-1

Barker 2, Hamilton

Nov 23: Horndean (A)W 3-2

Hamilton 2, Tickle

Nov 30: Hamworthy Utd (A)L 2-0

Dec 7: Folland Sports (H)D 2-2

Bernard, Jefferies

Dec 14: Downton (H)W 4-3

Barker 2, Tickle 2

Dec 17: Sholing (A)L 5-0

Dec 28: Fawley (A)L 4-2

Hamilton 2

Feb 8: Lymington Town (A)D 2-2

Barker, Jefferies

Feb 19: Christchurch (A)D 2-2

Bernard, Magookin

Feb 22: Romsey Town (A)L 4-2

Barker, Magookin

Feb 25: Totton & Eling (A)L 4-2

Bernard, Plummer

Mar 5: Blackfield & Langley (H)W 4-1

Barker, Newton, Magookin, Hamilton

Mar 8: Bournemouth (A)L 2-0

Mar 15: Winchester City (H)W 3-2

Barker 3

Mar 19: Moneyfields (H)L 3-0

Mar 25: AFC Porchester (A)L 3-0

Mar 29: Newport (IOW) (H)D 0-0

Apr 2: Bemerton HH (H)W 1-0

Newton

Apr 5: Horndean (H)W 2-1

Barker, Hamilton

Apr 8: Sholing (H)W 2-0

Hamilton 2

Apr 12: Hamworthy Utd (H)L 5-2

Hill, Tickle

Apr 15: Whitchurch Utd (A)L 4-0

Apr 22: Blackfield & Langley (A)L 1-0

Apr 24: Fareham Town (A)W 2-0

Tickle 2

Apr 26: Totton & Eling (H)W 3-0

Hamilton, Magookin, Newton



REGULAR SCORER: Fareham's Ashley Tattersall, left.

HAMWORTHY UNITED (12th, Prem)

AFTER winning four of their first six league games, the Hammers suffered a dire run of eight losses and a draw in a nine-game spell.

That resulted in Simon Browne departing as manager and Graham Kemp, who had left Winchester a few weeks earlier, taking over.

Kemp subsequently went back to Winchester to sign several of his former Christchurch players such as Russell Cook and Ben Osborne.

Both of those players plundered hat-trick when Hamworthy thrashed Romsey 8-1 in January, their highest win of the season.

Aug 3: Totton & Eling (H)W 3-2
Allen 2, Claremont
Aug 6: Fareham Town (A)D 1-1
Pekun
Aug 10: Bemerton HH (A)W 3-2
Chudy, Pekun
Aug 14: Fawley (A)L 1-0
Aug 22: Romsey Town (A)W 5-1
Allen 2, Chudy 2, Lanahan
Aug 28: Bournemouth (H)W 2-1
Allen, Chudy

Sep 7: Sholing (H)L 4-0

Sep 18: Folland Sports (H)D 1-1
Saunders

Sep 24: Alresford Town (A)L 4-0

Oct 5: Blackfield & Langley (H)L 3-2
Lanahan, Pekun

Oct 9: Horndean (H)L 2-1
Horlock

Oct 12: Totton & Eling (A)L 3-2
Horlock, Miles

Oct 15: Bemerton HH (A)L 4-0

Oct 22: Downton (A)L 2-0

Oct 26: Moneyfields (A)L 4-2
Lanahan

Oct 30: Whitchurch Utd (H)D 2-2
Horlock, Penny

Nov 13: Lymington Town (H)D 2-2
Horlock, Lanahan

Nov 16: Winchester City (H)L 4-1
Lanahan

Nov 20: Verwood Town (A)L 2-1
Martin

Nov 23: Newport (IOW) (A)L 5-1
Tayler

Nov 30: Brockenhurst (H)W 2-0
Allen, Martin

Dec 7: Fareham Town (H)D 0-0
Cook, Diaper, Osborne

Dec 28: Lymington Town (A)W 4-2
Cook, Diaper, Martin, Sturgess

Jan 11: Bournemouth (A)L 1-0
Jan 21: Romsey Town (H)W 8-1
Allen, Brian, Cook 3, Osborne 3

Feb 22: Moneyfields (H)D 1-1
Brian

Mar 1: Sholing (A)L 4-0
Mar 4: Christchurch (H)W 4-0

Corby, Martin, Miles

Mar 11: Folland Sports (A)L 3-1
Hubbard

Mar 15: Whitchurch Utd (A)D 2-2
Allen, Walker

Mar 18: Downton (H)W 4-0
Brian, Corby, Martin, Walker

Mar 22: Alresford Town (H)L 2-0
Mar 25: Verwood Town (H)W 3-0
Martin, Osborne, Cook

Mar 29: Winchester City (A)D 1-1
Cook

Apr 1: AFC Porchester (A)W 3-1
Hubbard, Osborne 2

Apr 5: Newport (IOW) (H)D 2-2
Osborne, OG

Apr 12: Brockenhurst (A)W 5-2
Allen, Brian 2, Hubbard, Osborne

Apr 15: Horndean (A)W 2-1
Osborne 2

Apr 19: Blackfield & Langley (A)L 2-0
Apr 21: Christchurch (A)W 2-0

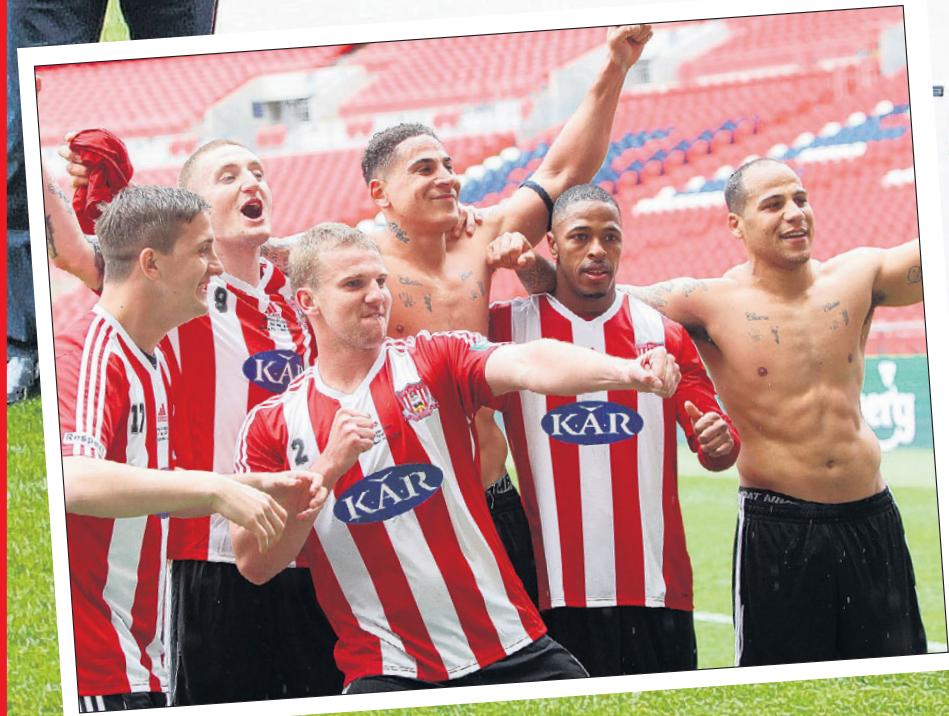
Allen, Osborne

Apr 26: AFC Porchester (H)L 2-1
Osborne



QUICK OFF THE MARK: Sam Pekun, right, scored twice in Hamworthy's opening three games.

SHOLING FC: FA VASE WINNERS



The FA Vase
2014 Win

CHAMPIONS: Sholing boss Dave Diaper lifts the FA Vase trophy and gets the party started for his victorious side.

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ACTION: Whitchurch gave champions-to-be Sholing a run for their money back in September.

WHITCHURCH UNITED (13th, Prem)

FRESH from promotion, Whitchurch started the season well.

They claimed particularly impressive victories at Winchester, Bemerton and Moneyfields.

But Jim Macey's Jam Boys could not maintain such good results and their form in the last few months was poor.

They won only twice from mid January onwards, and ended the

season with nine losses in ten matches.

Despite that, they were never in danger of being sucked into a relegation battle.

Aug 7: Christchurch (A)L 3-1	Lock	Dec 7: Verwood Town (A) . . . W 1-0	Turpin
Aug 10: Lymington Town (H) . . . L 2-1	Tennant	Dec 10: Lymington Town (A) . . . W 3-1	Brown, Lock, Turpin
Aug 13: Romsey Town (H) . . . W 2-1	Sedu, Walker	Dec 14: Romsey Town (A) . . . W 2-1	Walker 2
Aug 24: Folland Sports (H) . . . D 2-2	Ledger, Sedu	Dec 17: Blackfield & L (A) . . . L 2-1	Walker
Aug 26: Downton (A)W 3-0	Walker, Graham, Lock	Dec 28: Horndean (H)L 2-0	
Aug 31: Blackfield & Lan (H) . . . L 1-0		Jan 11: Downton (H)W 3-0	Lock 2, Walker
Sep 3: Winchester City (A) . . . W 1-0	Sedu	Feb 18: Bemerton HH (H)L 4-0	
Sep 14: Bemerton HH (A) . . . W 3-2	Pickering, Sedu, Tourey	Mar 4: Folland Sports (A)D 1-1	Sedu
Sep 17: Horndean (A)L 4-2	Sedu, Walker	Mar 8: Newport (IOW) (A)D 1-1	Walker
Sep 21: Sholing (H)L 2-1	Walker	Mar 15: Hamworthy Utd (H)D 2-2	Pickering, Walker
Sep 28: Moneyfields (A)W 1-0	Angell	Mar 18: Alresford Town (A)L 3-0	
Oct 5: Brockenhurst (H)D 1-1	Turpin	Mar 22: Fareham Town (A)L 1-0	
Oct 12: Verwood Town (H)W 2-1	Walker, Hassell	Mar 27: Winchester City (H)W 2-1	Turpin 2
Oct 26: Newport (IOW) (H)W 1-0	Turpin	Mar 29: Totton & Eling (H)L 1-0	
Oct 30: Hamworthy Utd (A)D 2-2	Pickering, Turpin	Apr 1: Fareham Town (H)L 4-0	
Nov 2: Christchurch (H)W 3-0	Angell, Sedu, Turpin	Apr 5: Bournemouth (H)L 4-1	
Nov 16: Totton & Eling (A)W 4-1	Turpin, Walker 3	Apr 10: Moneyfields (H)L 1-0	
Nov 23: Fawley (H)W 4-0	Hassell, Lock 2, Turpin	Apr 12: AFC Porchester (H)L 1-0	
Nov 30: AFC Porchester (A)D 1-1	Lock	Apr 15: Brockenhurst (A)L 4-0	

LYMINGTON TOWN (14th, Prem)

LYMINGTON claimed a fine early season scalp when they won at defending champions Blackfield in September. But that was the only top club they were to beat, all their other wins coming against other teams from the bottom

half of the league. They were well beaten twice by champions Sholing (4-0 and 5-1) and Folland (2-0 and 6-1). Runners-up Alresford also did the double over them, but only by 4-2 and 3-2.



DERBY CLASH: Poppies and local rivals Christchurch had a real derby battle back in September.

BOURNEMOUTH POPPIES (15th, Prem)

BOURNEMOUTH had a horrendous start to the season, losing their first seven league games.

Poppies only scored three goals in their first seven outings.

With that in mind, they did well to finish 15th – ending the campaign with three wins in six games

(two of them against fast-fading Whitchurch).

Undoubted highlight of the season was inflicting a first defeat of the season on Sholing, winning 1-0 in March thanks to a goal from Connor Phillips.

Aug 6: Moneyfields (A)L 4-2	Alexander-Floyd, Iggleston	Dec 7: Bournemouth (A)W 2-1	Maurin, Davis
Aug 10: Whitchurch (A)W 2-1	Viner 2	Dec 10: Whitchurch (H)L 3-1	Davis
Aug 13: Downton (A)L 3-1	New	Dec 14: Verwood Town (A)L 3-1	Thompson
Aug 26: Totton & Eling (A)W 3-1	Maurin, Davis, Sims	Dec 17: Moneyfields (H)L 2-0	
Sept 3: Blackfield & Langley (A)W 2-1	Ritchie, Randall	Dec 28: Hamworthy United (H)L 4-2	Bellot, Jones
Sept 7: Christchurch (H)W 1-0	Sims	Jan 11: Totton & Eling (H)W 2-1	Craven, Smith
Sept 14: Alresford Town (A)L 4-2	Stacey, Viner	Jan 14: Winchester City (H)L 5-1	Sims
Sept 17: Fawley (H)W 4-1	Allen 2, Sims, New	Feb 8: Brockenhurst (H)D 2-2	Davis, Fear
Oct 12: Bournemouth (H)W 4-1	Davis 3, New	Feb 18: AFC Portchester (H)L 2-0	
Oct 15: AFC Portchester (A)L 4-0	New, Jones	Feb 26: Fawley (A)W 4-0	Alexander-Floyd, Davis, Robinson, Smith
Oct 26: Horndean (H)W 1-0	Dunn	Mar 1: Alresford (H)L 3-2	Craven
Oct 5: Romsey Town (A)W 3-1	Davis 2, Sims	Mar 3: Newport (IOW) (A)L 4-0	Robinson, Smith, OG
Oct 12: Bournemouth (H)W 4-1	Davis 3, New	Mar 8: Horndean (A)D 2-2	Pancaldi, Robinson
Oct 15: AFC Portchester (A)L 4-0	Davis 3, New	Mar 15: Folland Sports (H)L 6-1	Craven
Oct 26: Horndean (H)W 1-0	Dunn	Mar 18: Fareham Town (H)W 3-0	Robinson, Smith, OG
Sep 3: Winchester City (A)W 1-0	Sedu	Mar 29: Blackfield (H)L 3-2	Pancaldi, Robinson
Sep 14: Bemerton HH (A)W 3-2	Pickering, Sedu, Tourey	Apr 5: Bemerton (A)D 1-1	Davis
Sep 17: Horndean (A)L 4-2	Sedu, Walker	Apr 8: Fareham Town (A)L 5-0	
Sep 21: Sholing (H)L 2-1	Walker	Apr 12: Sholing (H)L 4-0	
Sep 28: Moneyfields (A)W 1-0	Angell	Apr 16: Christchurch (A)W 5-2	
Oct 5: Brockenhurst (H)D 1-1	Turpin	Apr 21: Newport (IOW) (H)L 2-0	Davis 2, Rizzo, Vokes, Robinson
Oct 12: Verwood Town (H)W 2-1	Walker, Hassell	Apr 26: Winchester City (A)L 2-0	Phillips, Rowley
Oct 26: Newport (IOW) (H)W 1-0	Turpin	Oct 1: Fawley (H)W 3-1	Warren 2, Crow
Oct 30: Hamworthy Utd (A)D 2-2	Pickering, Turpin	Oct 5: Fawley (A)D 2-2	Jackson, Saadi
Nov 2: Christchurch (H)W 3-0	Angell, Sedu, Turpin	Oct 12: Lymington Town (A)L 4-1	Mar 8: Brockenhurst (H)W 2-0
Nov 16: Totton & Eling (A)W 4-1	Turpin, Walker 3	Oct 19: Romsey Town (H)W 3-0	Rowley, Saadi
Nov 23: Fawley (H)W 4-0	Hassell, Lock 2, Turpin	Oct 26: Brockenhurst (A)W 3-1	Mar 15: Alresford Town (H)L 2-1
Nov 30: AFC Porchester (A)D 1-1	Lock	Phillips 2, Warren	Costello



ON THE BALL: Action from Lymington's clash with Winchester this season.

Aug 6: Bemerton (A)L 6-0		Dec 28: Winchester City (H)L 4-3	Glasbrenner 2, Warren
Aug 9: Sholing (A)L 1-0		Jan 11: Hamworthy United (H)L 1-0	
Aug 13: Moneyfields (A)L 2-0		Jan 21: Verwood Town (H)W 1-0	Ingram
Aug 20: Winchester City (A)L 4-0		Jan 24: Newport (IOW) (H)L 4-2	
Aug 24: Newport (IOW) (H)L 4-2		Feb 26: Hamworthy United (A)L 2-1	Ingram
Jan 21: Totton & Eling (H)W 2-1		Feb 28: Bemerton (H)L 3-2	Saadi, Warren
Feb 26: Newport (IOW) (A)D 2-2		Mar 11: Fareham Town (H)L 3-2	
Mar 2: Bemerton (A)L 2-1		Mar 15: Alresford Town (H)L 2-1	Costello
Mar 8: Horndean (A)D 2-1		Mar 22: Horndean (A)L 1-0	
Mar 15: Sholing (H)L 2-1		Mar 25: Sholing (H)W 1-0	Phillips
Mar 22: Fareham Town (A)L 1-0		Oct 29: AFC Portchester (A)L 2-0	
Mar 27: Winchester City (H)W 2-1		Nov 2: Alresford Town (A)D 2-2	
Mar 29: Blackfield & Langley (A)L 3-1		Ingram, Warren	
Apr 5: Fawley (A)W 4-0		Nov 5: Folland Sports (A)L 4-1	Warren
Apr 10: Moneyfields (H)L 1-0		Nov 9: Horndean (H)W 4-2	
Apr 12: AFC Porchester (H)L 1-0		Warren 2, Ingram 2	
Apr 15: Brockenhurst (A)L 4-0		Nov 23: Downton (H)W 3-1	
Apr 19: Fawley (A)W 3-0		Ingram 2, Phillips	
Apr 21: Alresford Town (H)L 3-0		Nov 30: Blackfield & Langley (A)L 3-1	
Apr 24: Sholing (H)L 4-1		Warren	
Apr 26: Bournemouth (A)L 5-1		Dec 7: Lymington Town (H)L 2-1	
Macey, Turpin, Pickering		Ingram	
Apr 21: Alresford Town (H)L 3-0		Dec 12: Moneyfields (H)D 2-2	
Apr 24: Sholing (H)L 4-1		Costello, Ingram	
Apr 26: Bournemouth (A)L 5-1		Apr 21: Verwood Town (A)W 3-1	
Macey		Costello, Rowley	
Nov 2: Christchurch (H)W 3-0		Apr 26: Whitchurch (H)W 5-1	
Angell, Sedu, Turpin		Saadi 2, Ward, Pekun	
Nov 16: Totton & Eling (A)W 4-1			
Turpin, Walker 3			
Nov 23: Fawley (H)W 4-0			
Hassell, Lock 2, Turpin			
Nov 30: AFC Porchester (A)D 1-1			
Lock			

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CHRISTCHURCH (16th, Prem)

CHRISTCHURCH suffered a nightmare end to the season.

Struggling badly for numbers, they were hammered 12-0 at Newport and 8-0 at Sholing in successive games.

Skipper Mark Smith was the club's highest league scorer with 13 goals.

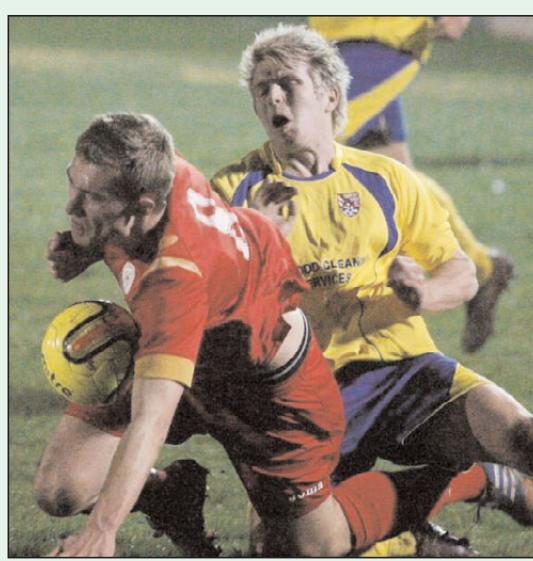
It was Gareth Barnes, though, who provided the best individual performance with four goals in a 5-2 win against Verwood.



SKIPPER: Christchurch captain Mark Smith in action.

Aug 7: Whitchurch (H)	W 3-1
Barnes 2, Fairbrother	
Aug 10: Verwood (A)	D 1-1
Burden	
Aug 13: Winchester City (H)	L 2-0
Aug 20: Fareham (A)	L 3-2
Saul, Smith	
Aug 23: Totton & Eling (H)	W 3-1
Smith 2, Fairbrother	
Aug 26: Fawley (A)	L 2-1
Jacobs	
Sept 3: Bemerton (A)	L 5-1
Burden	
Sept 7: Lymington Town (A)	L 1-0
Sept 14: Downton (A)	W 2-1
Purdy, Saul	
Sept 25: AFC Porchester (H)	L 3-2
Fairbrother, Smith	
Sept 28: Romsey Town (H)	W 4-2
Bernard, Saul, Smith, Cullen	
Oct 5: Bournemouth (A)	W 3-0
Saul 2, Foster	
Oct 12: Alresford Town (H)	L 2-0
Oct 15: Horndean (A)	W 5-4
Smith 2, Hiscock, Foster, Burden	
Oct 26: Folland Sports (H)	L 2-1
Cole	
Nov 2: Whitchurch (A)	L 3-0
Nov 16: Horndean (A)	L 3-1
Smith	
Nov 23: Sholing (H)	L 3-0
Nov 27: Blackfield & Langley (H)	L 1-0
Nov 30: Moneyfields (H)	D 1-1
Saul	
Dec 7: Romsey Town (A)	W 1-0

Defence was a major issue throughout the season, with Alresford putting seven past the Poppies rearguard and Bemerton (twice) and Lymington scoring five. They also shipped four on four occasions.



CRUNCH: Avtions from Horndean's clash with Verwood Town this season.

HORNDEAN (17th, Prem)

HORNDEAN enjoyed a good September, winning all three league games they played.

But their form after Christmas was poor, with just two victories to their name in 2014.

The Horns collapsed to a 9-0 loss at champions Sholing before ending the season with seven successive defeats.

Cullen	
Dec 11: Verwood Town (H)	W 5-2
Barnes 4, Cullen	
Dec 14: Winchester City (A)	L 3-0
Feb 19: Brockenhurst (H)	D 2-2
Blackburn, Smith	
Feb 22: Alresford Town (A)	L 7-1
Smith	
Feb 26: Fareham Town (H)	D 1-1
Sullivan	
Mar 4: Hamworthy United (A)	L 4-0
Mar 8: Folland Sports (A)	L 4-0
Mar 15: Downton (H)	D 1-1
Saul	
Mar 17: Newport (IOW) (H)	L 2-0
Mar 20: AFC Porchester (A)	L 2-0
Mar 22: Blackfield & Langley (A)	D 2-2
Cullen, Donachy	
Mar 25: Totton & Eling (A)	L 4-1
Cullen	
Mar 29: Bemerton (H)	L 5-1
Saul	
Apr 2: Fawley (H)	W 2-1
Saul, Smith	
Apr 12: Moneyfields (A)	D 1-1
Smith	
Apr 14: Bournemouth (H)	W 4-2
Barnes, Owens, Speers, Smith	
Apr 16: Lymington Town (H)	L 5-2
Cullen, Steer	
Apr 19: Horndean (H)	W 2-1
Saul, Speers	
Apr 21: Hamworthy United (H)	L 2-0
Apr 26: Newport (IOW) (A)	L 12-0
May 1: Sholing (A)	L 8-0

TOTTEN & ELING (18th, Prem)

DEFENCE was a major problem for Totton & Eling.

The club were thrashed 8-0 by Bemerton and 7-0 and 6-1 by Portchester.

The Eels started the season with six straight defeats before finally picking up their first points against fellow

strugglers Bournemouth.

They then shipped 16 goals in losing all four of their league games in November.

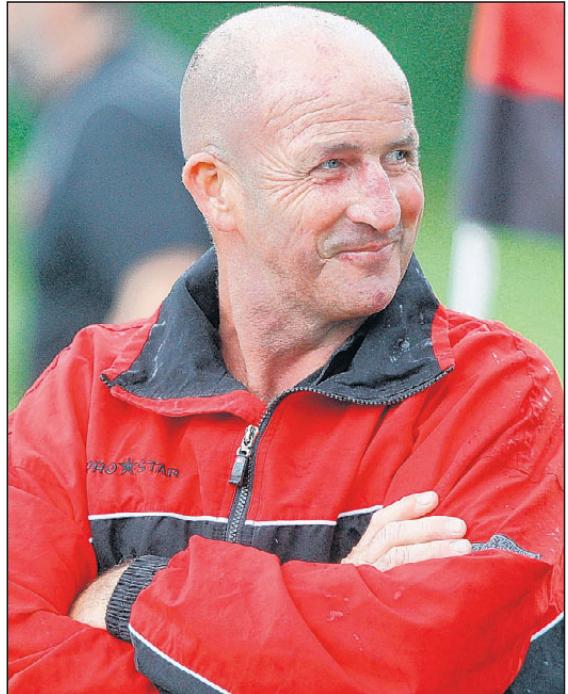
A handful of wins when they needed them most helped them finish just outside the bottom three



CLASH: Totton & Eling take on Winchester City.

Aug 3: Hamworthy Utd (A)	L 3-2
Lowther 2	
Aug 13: Fareham Town (H)	L 1-0
Aug 20: AFC Porchester (H)	L 6-1
Hughes	
Aug 23: Christchurch (A)	L 3-1
Bridle	
Aug 26: Lymington Town (H)	L 3-1
Ansell	
Sep 7: Alresford Town (A)	L 4-1
Nwachurwu	
Sep 14: Bournemouth (H)	W 2-0
Ansell, Bridle	
Sep 17: Newport (IOW) (H)	L 4-0
Sep 24: Romsey Town (A)	W 2-0
Brock, Fox	
Sep 28: Horndean (H)	L 1-0
Oct 5: Folland Sports (A)	L 5-1
Rowe	
Oct 8: Downton (H)	W 1-0
Rowe	
Oct 12: Hamworthy Utd (H)	W 3-2
Rowe, Holmes, Mason	
Oct 15: Blackfield & Langley (H)	L 5-1
Rowe	
Oct 22: Bournemouth (H)	W 4-1
Nwachurwu 2, Rowe, Thompson	
Oct 29: Whitchurch Utd (A)	W 1-0
Nwachurwu	
Apr 1: Folland Sports (H)	L 3-0
Apr 5: Verwood Town (H)	W 5-3
Nwachurwu, Rowe 2, Thompson	
Apr 12: Winchester City	L 4-0
Apr 21: Fawley (A)	L 3-1
Rowe	
Apr 26: Brockenhurst (A)	L 3-0

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STEPPED DOWN: Boss Adie Arnold called time on his reign at Verwood mid-season.

VERWOOD TOWN (19th, Prem)

VERWOOD boss Adie Arnold called time on his managerial career at the club during a tough season that saw the Dorset club avoid the drop.

That was despite a run of just one win in their last 19 games, which followed a superb 2-1 suc-

cess against Folland at Potterne Park.

Earlier in the season there was also a memorable 1-0 win over then lofty Winchester.

Aug 6: AFC Portchester (A)D 2-2

Kelly, Evans

Aug 10: Christchurch (H)D 1-1

Haskell

Aug 14: Brockenhurst (A)L 1-2

Satterley

Aug 24: Horndean (H)W 1-0

Haskell

Aug 26: Folland Sports (A)L 1-0

Aug 31: Downton (H)D 1-1

Haskell

Sept 7: Bemerton (H)L 5-1

Munday

Sept 14: Blackfield & Langley (A)L 2-1

Munday

Sept 17: Alresford Town (A)L 1-0

Sept 24: Lymington Town (A)W 3-2

Dyer, Homer, Lovell

Oct 5: Moneyfields (H)L 3-0

Oct 12: Whitchurch United (A)L 2-1

Saxby

Oct 26: Winchester City (H)W 1-0

Lovell

Oct 30: Brockenhurst (H)L 1-0

Nov 5: Newport (IOW) (A)L 2-0

Nov 20: Hamworthy United (H)W 2-1

Lovell, Evans

Nov 23: Totton & Eling (H)W 5-0

Homer, Lovell, Oldring, Saxby 2

Nov 27: AFC Portchester (H)D 2-2

Evans, Hill

Nov 30: Fawley (A)D 2-2

Evans, Gajic

Dec 7: Whitchurch United (H)L 1-0

Dec 11: Christchurch (A)L 5-2

Kelly, Lovell

Dec 14: Lymington Town (H)W 3-1

Joy, Murray, Oldring

Jan 11: Folland Sports (H)W 2-1

Lovell 2

Jan 21: Bournemouth (A)L 1-0

Feb 1: Bemerton (A)D 1-1

Oldring

Feb 4: Romsey Town (A)D 1-1

Gajic

Feb 25: Horndean (A)L 2-0

Mar 8: Winchester City (A)L 1-0

Mar 12: Alresford Town (H)L 5-0

Mar 15: Newport (IOW) (H)L 2-1

Speechley-Price

Mar 18: Sholing (H)L 1-0

Mar 22: Downton (A)W 3-0

Saxby 3

Mar 25: Hamworthy United (A)L 3-0

Mar 29: Fareham Town (H)L 3-1

Lovell

Apr 2: Blackfield & Langley (H)D 0-0

Apr 5: Totton & Eling (A)L 5-3

Saxby 2, Lovell

Apr 8: Moneyfields (A)L 3-1

Lovell

Apr 10: Fareham Town (A)L 4-0

Apr 12: Fawley (H)D 1-1

Joy

Apr 19: Sholing (A)L 4-1

Lovell

Apr 21: Bournemouth (H)L 3-1

Elysee

Apr 26: Romsey Town (H)D 0-0

AFC FAWLEY (20th, Prem)

FAWLEY began the season badly, crashing to a 7-0 home loss against Graham Kemp's new-look Winchester.

There were a few more heavy beatings to come, including another 7-0 home reverse against Alresford.

Fawley did at least end with a bang rather than a whimper, winning their last two league matches.

Aug 7: Winchester City (H)L 7-0
Aug 10: Newport (IOW) (A)D 2-2
Manning, Younie
Aug 14: Hamworthy Utd (H) ..W 1-0
Percival
Aug 21: Brockenhurst (A)W 2-1
Murphy, Vining
Aug 24: AFC Portchester (A) ...L 4-2
Murphy, Vining
Aug 26: Christchurch (H)W 2-1
Vining, Bolton

Jan 25: Romsey Town (A)D 1-1
Percival

Sep 14: Romsey Town (H)L 4-2
Murphy, Vining
Sep 17: Lymington Town (A) ...L 4-1
Murphy
Sep 28: Alresford Town (H)L 7-0

Oct 1: Bournemouth (A)L 3-1
Murphy

Oct 5: Horndean (A)D 3-3
Vining 3

Oct 12: Folland Sports (H)L 3-1
Vining
Oct 19: Downton (A)L 2-1
Murphy

Oct 26: Blackfield & Langley ..L 3-1

Murphy

Nov 2: Bemerton HH (H)L 3-1
Murphy

Nov 9: Sholing (A)L 3-0
Nov 16: Horndean (H)L 2-1

Murphy

Nov 20: Moneyfields (H)L 2-1
Murphy

Nov 23: Whitchurch Utd (A)L 4-0
Nov 30: Verwood Town (H)....D 2-2

Turner, Vining

Apr 2: Christchurch (A)L 2-1
Keating

Apr 5: Downton (H).....L 2-0
Apr 8: AFC Portchester (H)L 3-0

Apr 12: Verwood Town (A)D 1-1

Percival

Apr 15: Fareham Town (A)L 2-0
Apr 19: Whitchurch Utd (H)L 3-0

Apr 21: Totton & Eling (H)W 3-1

A Lucas, Edwards, OG

Apr 26: Fareham Town (H)W 1-0

Vining

Aug 3: Brockenhurst (H)D 3-3

McGregor 2, Brooks

Dec 10: Folland Sports (H)L 2-1

Telfer

Dec 14: Brockenhurst (A)L 4-3

McGregor 2, Johnson

Dec 28: Sholing (A)L 12-1

McGregor

Jan 11: Whitchurch United (A) ...L 3-0

Jan 21: Blackfield & Langley (A) ..D 2-2

Johnson, Telfer

Jan 28: Bemerton (H)L 3-1

Johnson

Feb 15: Fareham Town (H)L 3-2

Johnson, Waters

Feb 22: Totton & Eling (H)L 3-0

Feb 25: Winchester City (A)L 2-0

Mar 4: Moneyfields (H)D 1-1

McGregor

Mar 8: AFC Portchester (H)D 3-3

Weeks 2, Johnson

Mar 15: Christchurch (A)D 1-1

Lewis

Mar 18: Hamworthy United (A) ...L 4-0

Mar 22: Verwood Town (H)L 3-0

Mar 29: Romsey Town (A)W 4-2

Johnson, Lewis, McGregor, Waters

Apr 5: Fawley (A)W 2-0

Lewis, McGregor

Apr 12: Alresford TownL 3-2

Lewis, Telfer

Apr 22: Bemerton (A)L 3-1

McGregor

Apr 26: Blackfield & Langley (H) ..L 3-1

McGregor

Dec 7: Horndean (A)D 1-1

McGregor



SPOT ON: Declan McGregor scores from the penalty spot against Blackfield and Langley.

DOWNTON (21st, Prem)

IT was a hard season for Downton.

At times there were some heavy beatings, including a club record Wessex League loss of 12-1 at champions Sholing just after Christmas.

In all, Downton won just two league games after beating Hamworthy on October 22.

After beating the Hammers, the Wiltshire club embarked on a miserable run of 21 league

games without success.

With that sort of form, it was no surprise that the club finished in a relegation place.



MATCH ACTION: AFC Fawley take on Sholing back in March.

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GET IN: Danny Phillips celebrates netting Town's game with Bournemouth Poppies.

ROMSEY TOWN (22nd, Prem)

ROMSEY started the season with five successive losses.

Things didn't really improve after that.

Manager Danny Barker left mid season to be replaced by Carl Bennett. In turn, Bennett has recently been replaced by 21-year-old James Phillips.

There were very few highlights during a torrid 2013/14, but the undoubted one was a 3-2 success at lofty Winchester City

five days after Christmas. It wasn't the signal for a vast improvement, and Romsey ended the term without a win in seven matches.

Aug 6: Sholing (A)L 5-0
Aug 10: Moneyfields (H)L 1-0
Aug 13: Whitchurch Utd (A)L 2-1
Bullock
Aug 20: Newport (IOW) (A)L 3-1
Bullock
Aug 24: Hamworthy Utd (H)L 5-1
Roberts
Aug 26: Fareham Town (A)D 2-2
Dunn, Phillips
Aug 31: Bemerton HH (H)L 3-1
Garner

Sep 3: AFC Porchester (H)L 4-0
Sep 14: Fawley (A)W 4-2
Craven, Richards 2, Phillips
Sep 24: Totton & Eling (H)L 2-0
Sep 28: Christchurch (A)L 4-2
Lambert, Phillips

Oct 5: Lymington Town (H)L 3-1
Lambert
Oct 12: Brockenhurst (A)L 4-1
Phillips
Oct 19: Bournemouth (A)L 3-0
Oct 26: Alresford Town (H)L 3-0
Nov 2: Horndean (A)D 1-1
Lambert
Nov 5: Downton (A)W 3-2
Lambert, Maps, McCarthy
Nov 16: Lymington Town (A)L 2-1
Gregory
Nov 23: Blackfield & Lan (H)L 6-0
Nov 26: Folland Sports (H)D 2-2
Cadete, Lambert
Nov 30: Bemerton HH (A)L 2-1

Vigar
Dec 7: Christchurch (H)L 1-0
Dec 10: Moneyfields (A)L 1-0
Dec 14: Whitchurch Utd (H)L 2-1
Maps
Dec 28: Newport (IOW) (H)L 4-0
Dec 30: Winchester City (A)W 3-2
Cadete, Collicott 2

Jan 11: Fareham Town (H)L 2-0
Jan 21: Hamworthy Utd (A)L 8-1
Maps
Jan 25: Fawley (H)D 1-1
Gregory
Feb 4: Verwood Town (H)D 1-1
Phillips
Feb 22: Brockenhurst (H)W 4-2
Cadete, Phillips, Vigar, Calloway

Mar 1: Bournemouth (H)D 1-1
Asajile

Mar 8: Alresford Town (A)L 2-0

Mar 11: Totton & Eling (A)W 2-1

Gregory, Richards

Mar 15: Horndean (H)W 3-0

Calloway, Richards, Phillips

Mar 18: AFC Porchester (A)L 4-0

Mar 20: Sholing (H)L 3-0

Mar 22: Folland Sports (A)L 3-1

Vigar

Mar 29: Downton (H)L 4-2

Green 2

Apr 5: Blackfield & Langley (A)L 2-1

Cadete

Apr 21: Winchester City (H)L 2-0

Apr 26: Verwood Town (A)D 0-0

PETERSFIELD TOWN (Champions, Wessex 1)

FORMER Gosport Borough striker Bobby Tambling enjoyed a prolific season as Petersfield won Division 1 of the Wessex.

He belted five goals in a remarkable 14-0 annihilation of Andover New Street.

A few weeks earlier he had struck a hat-trick in a 10-1 home victory over Ringwood.

Petersfield also

reached the final of the Wessex League Cup, where they were thrashed 7-2 by Alresford last Bank Holiday Monday.

Aug 3: Hythe & Dibden (H)W 3-1
Asare, Richardson, Tambling

Sept 14: East Cowes (H)W 5-0
Coker 3, Hyde, Cammack

Sept 28: Team Solent (H)D 4-4
Coker 2, Richardson, Archbold

Oct 5: Andover NS (A)W 6-2
Richardson 2, Coker, Asare, Tambling, Essai

Oct 26: Amesbury Town (A)W 5-1
Essai 2, Tambling 2, Richardson

Nov 2: Hythe & Dibden (A)D 2-2
Essai 2

Nov 9: Laverstock & Ford (H)W 2-1

Tambling 2

Nov 16: Cowes Sports (A)W 4-2

Essai, Richardson, Tambling, Todd

Nov 23: Hayling United (H)W 2-0

Heard, Richardson

Nov 30: New Milton (H)W 5-0

Tambling 3, Richardson, Coker

Dec 7: Tadley Calleva (A)W 3-1

Asare, Coker, Hyde

Dec 14: Ringwood Town (H)W 10-1

Richardson 3, Tambling 3, Essai 2,

Cammack 2

Dec 28: Fleet Spurs (H)W 6-3

Archbold 3, Tambling 2, OG

Jan 11: Pewsey Vale (A)W 5-2

Todd 2, Asare 2, Tambling

Jan 25: Andover NS (H)W 14-0

Tambling 5, Todd 3, Archbold 2,

Coker, Essai, Richardson

Feb 17: Team Solent (A)D 1-1

Hyde

Feb 22: Pewsey Vale (H)W 3-0

Tambling 2, Coker

Mar 8: Tadley Calleva (H)D 0-0

Asare, Richardson, Tambling

Mar 15: Hayling United (A)W 6-0

Todd 3, Richardson, Tambling,

Cammack

Mar 18: Amesbury Town (H)W 3-0

Cammack, Essai, Tambling

Mar 22: New Milton Town (A)W 4-2

Tambling 2, Essai, Cammack

Mar 25: East Cowes Victoria (A)W 3-0

Tambling 2, Essai

Mar 29: Andover Town (H)L 4-0

Wain

Apr 5: Ringwood Town (A)W 2-1

Apr 8: Laverstock & Ford (A)W 5-2

Asare, Richardson, Coker, Richardson,

Hoskins

Coker, Asare

Apr 12: Cowes (H)L 3-2

Asare, Cammack

Apr 15: US Portsmouth (A)W 5-1

Asare 2, Cammack, Howes 2

Apr 19: Andover Town (A)D 1-1

Wain

Apr 21: Fleet Spurs (A)W 2-1

Tambling, Asare

Apr 26: US Portsmouth (H)W 5-0

Tambling 4, Cammack

Dec 17: Hythe & Dibden (H)W 3-0

Dixon, Foot, Yates

Aug 24: Team Solent (A)L 3-2

Dixon 2

Aug 31: Ringwood (A)W 7-1

Riddell 3, Yates, Richards, Herbert, L

Benson

Sept 7: New Milton (A)W 2-0

L Benson, Herbert

Sept 21: Fleet Spurs (A)W 4-2

Foot, Herbert, Riddell, Dixon

Sept 28: US Portsmouth (H)W 2-1

L Benson, Dixon

Oct 5: East Cowes (A)W 3-1

Foot 3

Oct 12: Pewsey Vale (A)L 4-1

Foot

Oct 19: Cowes Sports (H)W 3-0

Dixon 2, Riddell

Oct 26: Andover NS (H)W 3-2

L Benson, Inskip, Dixon

Nov 16: Amesbury Town (A)W 3-2

Riddell 2, Dockree

Nov 30: Laverstock & Ford (A)W 3-0

Dixon 2, Foot 2, L Benson, Yates

Dec 7: Cowes Sports (A)L 3-2

Foot, Riddell

Dec 10: Tadley Calleva (A)D 3-3

Dixon 2, L Benson

Dec 12: Hayling United (A)W 8-0

Dixon 3, L Benson 2, Robertson, Yates,

Riddell

Apr 12: Hythe & Dibden (A)D 2-2

Dixon 2

Apr 19: Petersfield Town (H)D 1-1

Foot

Apr 21: Tadley Calleva (H)D 1-1

Hinchliffe

Apr 26: Ringwood Town (H)W 7-0



ON THE BALL: Action from Andover Town's 7-0 win over Ringwood Town.

ANDOVER TOWN (2nd, Wessex 1)

ANDOVER Town celebrated their first year in the Wessex League by clinching promotion.

They were left frustrated that they didn't win the title, three late season draws in a row eventually costing them.

A Claudio Herbert goal ten minutes from time brought Andover their first ever cup success against all the odds at Salisbury City earlier this week, as Neil Benson's side overcame a bruising

Aug 17: Hythe & Dibden (H)W 3-0
Dixon, Foot, Yates

Aug 24: Team Solent (A)L 3-2
Dixon 2

Aug 31: Ringwood (A)W 7-1
Riddell 3, Yates, Richards, Herbert, L
Benson

Sept 7: New Milton (A)W 2-0
L Benson, Herbert

Sept 21: Fleet Spurs (A)W 4-2
Foot, Herbert, Riddell, Dixon

Sept 28: US Portsmouth (H)W 2-1
L Benson, Dixon

Oct 5: East Cowes (A)W 3-1
Foot 3

Oct 12: Pewsey Vale (A)L 4-1
Foot

Oct 19: Cowes Sports (H)W 3-0
Dixon 2, Riddell

Oct 26: Andover NS (H)W 3-2
L Benson, Inskip, Dixon

Nov 16: Amesbury Town (A)W 3-2
Riddell 2, Dockree

Nov 30: Laverstock & Ford (A)W 3-0
Dixon 2, Foot 2, Dixon, Dockree, Hough

Mar 29: Petersfield (A)W 4-0
Dixon 2, L Benson, Yates

Apr 12: Hythe & Dibden (A)D 2-2
Dixon 2

Apr 19: Petersfield Town (H)D 1-1
Foot

Apr 21: Tadley Calleva (H)D 1-1
Hinchliffe

Apr 26: Ringwood Town (H)W 7-0

CHAMPS: Petersfield Town celebrate their Wessex 1 title victory.

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COWES SPORTS (3rd, Wessex 1)

Aug 10: Andover New Street (H)W 4-1
Browne 2, Williams, OG
Aug 24: Hythe & Dibden (H)W 5-0
Davies 3, Browne, Phipps

Sept 7: Andover New Street (A)W 4-0
Hatcher 2, Wetherick 2
Sept 14: Team Solent (H)L 2-1
Browne

Oct 12: Hayling United (H)W 5-2
Browne, Lewis, Wetherick, Davies, OG
Oct 19: Andover Town (A)L 3-0
Oct 26: Laverstock & Ford (H)W 4-0
Browne 2, Phelps, Wetherick

Nov 2: New Milton Town (H)L 2-1
Sunsburg
Nov 16: Petersfield Town (H)L 4-2
Browne, McKie
Nov 23: Tadley Calleva (A)D 1-1
Lewis

Dec 3: Hayling United (A)D 2-2
Browne, Williams
Dec 7: Andover Town (H)W 3-2
McKie 2, Wetherick
Dec 14: Fleet Spurs (H)W 3-2
Wetherick 2, McKie
Dec 28: Pewsey Vale (A)W 1-0
Davies



BATTLE: Hythe & Dibden take on eventual runners-up Andover Town.

HYTHE & DIBDEN (4th, Wessex 1)

Aug 3: Petersfield Town (A)L 3-1
Parker
Aug 10: Tadley Calleva (A)D 2-2
Osumah, Gilham
Aug 17: Andover Town (A)L 3-0
Aug 24: Cowes Sports (A)L 5-0
Aug 31: Andover New Street (A)W 4-1
Olabiyi, Osumah, Knight, Burch

Sept 28: Amesbury Town (H)W 5-0
De'Ath 2, Osumah 2, Olabiyi

Oct 5: New Milton Town (H)W 2-0
Brock 2
Oct 26: Hayling United (A)L 1-0

Nov 2: Petersfield Town (H)D 2-2
Lilley, Stone
Nov 16: Fleet Spurs (H)W 3-0
Stone 2, Cox
Nov 23: US Portsmouth (A)L 3-1
Green
Nov 30: Tadley Calleva (H)W 3-0
Stone 2, Lilley

Dec 3: Ringwood Town (H)W 4-0
Olabiyi, Liburd, De'Ath, Brock
Dec 7: Pewsey Vale (A)W 1-0
Olabiyi
Dec 14: East Cowes Victoria (H)W 5-0
Olabiyi 2, McCarthy, Lilley, Brock

Jan 25: New Milton Town (A)W 3-0
Olabiyi, De'Ath, Lilley

Feb 22: Ringwood Town (A)W 5-0
Olabiyi 3, McCarthy, Brock
Feb 25: Laverstock & Ford (H)W 5-0
Olabiyi 2, Green 2, De'Ath

Mar 1: Cowes Sports (H)L 2-1
McCarthy
Mar 8: East Cowes Victoria (A)W 4-1
Green 2, Lilley, Burch
Mar 12: Amesbury Town (A)L 5-2
Olabiyi 2
Mar 15: Pewsey Vale (H)D 2-2
Olabiyi 2
Mar 18: US Portsmouth (H)W 2-0
Davison, Mulhearn

Mar 22: Fleet Spurs (A)D 2-2
Renyard, Stone
Mar 25: Hayling United (H)W 8-2
Stone 3, Lilley 2, Burch 2, Brock
Mar 29: Laverstock & Ford (A)W 3-1
Lilley, Stone, Green

Apr 5: Amesbury Town (H)W 4-3
McKie 2, Browne, OG
Apr 12: Petersfield Town (A)W 3-2
Browne 2, Adams
Apr 19: Amesbury Town (A)D 0-0
Apr 21: East Cowes Victoria (A)W 3-0
Browne 2, Wetherick
Apr 26: Pewsey Vale (H)W 3-0
Browne 2, Adams



ON THE BALL: Action from Cowes Sports' clash with Stockbridge.

Jan 21: East Cowes (H)W 6-1
Browne 3, McKie 2, Lewis

Feb 22: New Milton Town (A)W 3-1
Adams, Gregory, Wilson
Feb 24: Team Solent (A)W 4-2
Adams, Davies, Sainsbury, Wilson

Mar 1: Hythe & Dibden (A)W 2-1
Davies, Browne
Mar 4: Ringwood Town (H)W 4-1
Wetherick 2, Adams, Browne
Mar 8: Fleet Spurs (A)W 4-0
Browne, Insey, Lewis, Wetherick
Mar 11: US Portsmouth (A)W 3-2
Wetherick 2, Davies
Mar 18: Tadley Calleva (H)W 4-0
Brown 2, Davies, McKie
Mar 22: Ringwood Town (A)W 4-1
Browne, Davies, Draper, Wilson
Mar 25: Laverstock & Ford (A)L 1-0
Mar 29: US Portsmouth (H)W 1-0
Wilson

Apr 5: Amesbury Town (H)W 4-3
McKie 2, Browne, OG
Apr 12: Petersfield Town (A)W 3-2
Browne 2, Adams
Apr 19: Amesbury Town (A)D 0-0
Apr 21: East Cowes Victoria (A)W 3-0
Browne 2, Wetherick
Apr 26: Pewsey Vale (H)W 3-0
Browne 2, Adams

TEAM SOLENT (6th, Wessex 1)

Aug 24: Andover Town (H)W 3-2
Wateridge, Steady, Taylor
Aug 31: Laverstock & Ford (H)D 2-2
Lemesurier, Thomas

Sept 14: Cowes Sports (A)W 2-1
Bartlett, Midson

Sept 21: Hayling United (H)W 6-1
Waller-Lassen 2, Bartlett 2, Lemesurier, Wheeler
Sept 28: Petersfield Town (A)D 4-4
Midson, Bartlett, Wateridge, Lemesurier

Oct 5: Tadley Calleva (H)W 5-1
Waller-Lassen 2, Lemesurier, Adekunle, OG
Oct 12: Ringwood Town (A)W 5-0
Bartlett 3, Orvis, Lemesurier
Oct 26: Fleet Spurs (A)W 4-0
Bartlett, Byles, Goddard, Waller-Lassen

Nov 2: US Portsmouth (H)D 1-1
Brunnen

Nov 9: East Cowes Victoria (A)W 6-1
Waller-Lassen 3, Bartlett 3
Nov 23: New Milton Town (A)W 2-1
Lemesurier, Bartlett
Nov 30: Andover New Street (A)W 5-1
Lemesurier 2, Waller-Lassen 2, Midson

Dec 28: Andover Town (A)L 4-0

Feb 3: Amesbury Town (H)W 4-1
Lemesurier 2, Waller-Lassen, Bartlett

Feb 17: Petersfield Town (H)D 1-1
Byles
Feb 22: US Portsmouth (H)L 2-1
Waller-Lassen,
Feb 24: Cowes Sports (H)L 2-4
Waller-Lassen, Bartlett

Mar 1: East Cowes Victoria (H)W 9-1
Waller-Lassen 4, Midson 2, Bartlett, Lemesurier, Jordan

Mar 8: Pewsey Vale (A)W 3-1
Waller-Lassen 2, Bartlett
Mar 15: New Milton Town (H)W 5-2
Wateridge, Jordan, Lemesurier, Orvis, OG
Mar 17: Fleet Spurs (H)L 3-1
Waller-Lassen
Mar 22: Andover New Street (H)W 3-2
Midson 2, Waller-Lassen

Apr 1: Hythe & Dibden (A)L 2-1
Waller-Lassen

Apr 5: Tadley Calleva (A)L 3-0
Apr 12: Pewsey Vale (H)D 1-1
Thomas

Apr 16: Amesbury Town (A)W 2-0
Wheeler, da Costa

Apr 19: Ringwood Town (H)L 2-1
Waller-Lassen
Apr 21: Hythe & Dibden (H)L 3-0
Apr 24: Hayling United (A)W 3-1
Apr 26: Laverstock & Ford (A)L 3-0



STRIKE: Chris Wateridge shoots for Solent in their clash with Portchester.



TACKLE: A Laverstock attack is halted in their clash with Ringwood Town.

LAVERSTOCK & FORD (9th, Wessex 1)

Aug 10: US Portsmouth (H)L 2-1
Miller

Aug 24: New Milton Town (A)L 3-2
Gallagher, L Wykes
Aug 31: Team Solent (A)D 2-2
Newman, Perrett

Sept 14: Andover New Street (H)W 4-0
Gallagher, Gulliver, Mundy, Clifton

Oct 5: Amesbury Town (A)L 1-0
Oct 26: Cowes Sports (A)L 4-0

Nov 2: Hayling United (H)W 2-1
L Wykes, Mulcahy

Nov 9: Petersfield Town (A)L 2-1
Miller
Nov 16: Tadley Calleva (H)L 5-0
Nov 23: Ringwood Town (H)W 4-1
Mulcahy 2, Cranmer, L Wykes

Nov 30: Andover Town (H)L 3-0

Dec 7: Fleet Spurs (A)W 3-1
Mulcahy 2, L Wykes

Dec 14: US Portsmouth (A)L 3-1
Batchelor

Dec 28: New Milton Town (H)W 4-0
Knight, Mulcahy, Mundy, OG

Jan 25: Ringwood Town (A)W 1-0
Mulcahy

Feb 25: Hythe & Dibden (A)L 5-0

Mar 8: Amesbury Town (H)W 1-0
Horton

Mar 11: East Cowes Victoria (H)D 1-1
E Wykes

Mar 15: Tadley Calleva (A)L 1-0

Mar 18: Hayling United (A)W 5-0

Clifton 2, Batchelor, Morgan, E Wykes

Mar 22: Andover Town (A)L 7-0

Mar 25: Cowes Sports (H)W 1-0

Gallagher

Mar 29: Hythe & Dibden (H)L 3-1

Batchelor

Apr 1: Pewsey Vale (H)L 2-1

Clifton

Apr 5: East Cowes Victoria (H)W 2-0

Edwards, Gallagher

Apr 8: Petersfield Town (H)L 5-2

Lewis, L Wykes

Apr 15: Andover New Street (A)L 1-0

Apr 19: Fleet Spurs (H)W 4-0

Clifton 2, Gallagher, Knight

Apr 21: Pewsey Vale (A)L 1-0

Apr 26: Team Solent (H)W 3-0

Batchelor, E Wykes, Clifton

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NEW MILTON (11th, Wessex 1)

Aug 17: Andover New Street (H)W 6-3
Carter 3, Bayston 2, JackW 3-1
Aug 24: Laverstock & Ford (H) .....	.W 3-2
Patrick, Jack, Groves	
Sept 7: Andover Town (H) .....	.L 2-0
Sept 14: Amesbury Town (A) .....	.W 3-1
Teppett, Jack, Bayston	
Sept 28: Fleet Spurs (H) .....	.W 10-2
Teppett 3, Chivers 3, Carter 2, Jack 2	
Oct 5: Hythe & Dibden (A) .....	.L 2-0
Oct 12: US Portsmouth (H) .....	.L 4-1
Jack	
Oct 26: East Cowes Victoria (H) .....	.W 6-0
Jack 4, Bayston, Dear	
Nov 2: Cowes Sports (A) .....	.W 2-1
Jack, Scott	
Nov 9: Pewsey Vale (A) .....	.L 3-1
Jack	
Nov 16: Hayling United (A) .....	.D 2-2
Head, Jack	
Nov 23: Team Solent (H) .....	.L 2-1
Bayston	
Nov 30: Petersfield Town (A) .....	.L 5-0
Dec 7: Andover New Street (A) .....	.W 3-0
Groves, Hoey, Jack	
Dec 14: Tadley Calleva (A) .....	.L 3-1
Jack	
Dec 17: Ringwood Town (H) .....	.L 2-1
Rose	
Dec 28: Laverstock & Ford (A) .....	.L 4-0
Jan 25: Hythe & Dibden (H) .....	.L 3-0
Jan 11: Amesbury Town (H) .....	.L 2-1
Rose	



GOAL: Kabba Jack rounds the Andover New Street keeper to score for New Milton.

Feb 22: Cowes Sports (H) .....	.L 3-1
Hoey	
Mar 1: Andover Town (A) .....	.L 2-0
Mar 8: Hayling United (H) .....	.W 7-1
Jack 3, Teppett 2, Bayston 2	
Mar 11: Fleet Spurs (A) .....	.L 3-2
Shering 2	
Mar 15: Team Solent (A) .....	.L 5-2
Jack 2	
Mar 18: East Cowes Victoria (A) .....	.W 5-0
Jack 3, Shering 2	
Mar 22: Petersfield Town (H) .....	.L 4-2
Jack 2	
Mar 29: Tadley Calleva (H) .....	.L 3-2
Jack 2	
Apr 5: Pewsey Vale (H) .....	.W 3-2
Groves, Head, Jack	
Apr 12: US Portsmouth (A) .....	.D 3-3
Hughes, Jack, Teppett	
Apr 21: Ringwood Town (A) .....	.L 2-1
Jack	

RINGWOOD (13th, Wessex 1)

Aug 10: Amesbury Town (H) .....	.D 1-1
Bellot	
Aug 24: US Portsmouth (H) .....	.W 4-1
Glasspool 2, Bellot, Ormond	
Aug 31: Andover Town (H) .....	.L 7-1
Bellot	
Sept 14: Fleet Spurs (H) .....	.W 3-1
Bellot, Taylor, Steer	
Sept 28: East Cowes Victoria (H) .....	.L 5-3
Bellot, Edgar, Steer	
Oct 5: Pewsey Vale (A) .....	.L 6-2
Peck, Taylor	
Oct 12: Team Solent (H) .....	.L 5-0
Oct 19: Andover New Street (A) .....	.W 3-0
Bellot 2, Leadbetter	
Nov 2: East Cowes Victoria (A) .....	.L 5-1
Totczyk	
Nov 16: Pewsey Vale (H) .....	.L 4-3
Barwood, Bellows, Elezi	
Nov 23: Laverstock & Ford (A) .....	.L 4-1
Totczyk	
Dec 3: Hythe & Dibden (A) .....	.L 4-0
Dec 14: Petersfield Town (A) .....	.L 10-1
Ricketts	
Dec 17: New Milton Town (A) .....	.W 2-1
Ricketts, Gogan	
Dec 28: Tadley Calleva (H) .....	.L 2-0
Jan 11: Andover New Street (H) .....	.W 3-1
Heggan, Howes, Totczyk	
Jan 25: Laverstock & Ford (H) .....	.L 1-0
Feb 22: Hythe & Dibden (H) .....	.L 5-0
Feb 25: Hayling United (H) .....	.L 3-1
Ayley	
Mar 1: Tadley Calleva (A) .....	.L 2-1
Pidgley	
Mar 4: Cowes Sports (A) .....	.L 4-1
Bellot	
Mar 22: Cowes Sports (H) .....	.L 4-1
Ezad	
Mar 29: Hayling United (A) .....	.L 5-1
Wells	
Apr 2: Amesbury Town (A) .....	.L 4-1
Ezad	
Apr 5: Petersfield Town (H) .....	.L 2-1
Bellot	
Apr 10: US Portsmouth (A) .....	.L 4-1
Leadbetter	
Apr 12: Fleet Spurs (A) .....	.L 4-1
Bellot	
Apr 19: Team Solent (A) .....	.W 2-1
Totczyk, Huckstepp	
Apr 21: New Milton Town (H) .....	.W 2-1
Faulkner, Osman	
Apr 26: Andover Town (A) .....	.L 7-0



ON THE BALL: Action from Ringwood Town's clash with Laverstock & Ford.



CALLING IT QUIT: Andover New Street boss Matt Styles decided to call it a day after enduring a difficult season with his side.

ANDOVER NS (15th, Wessex 1)

Aug 10: Cowes Sports (A) .....	.L 4-1
Hethershaw	
Aug 17: New Milton Town (A) .....	.L 6-3
Hinchliffe, Alderman, Spencer	
Aug 31: Hythe & Dibden (H) .....	.L 4-1
Cotter	
Sept 7: Cowes Sports (H) .....	.L 4-0
Sept 14: Laverstock & Ford (A) .....	.L 4-0
Sept 21: Hayling United (A) .....	.W 2-1
Alderman, Hutchings	
Oct 5: Petersfield Town (H) .....	.L 6-2
Hinchliffe, Hutchings	
Oct 12: Tadley Calleva (A) .....	.W 1-0
Styles	
Oct 19: Ringwood Town (H) .....	.L 3-0
Oct 26: Andover Town (A) .....	.L 3-2
Xhamela, Cotter	
Nov 2: Fleet Spurs (H) .....	.W 2-1
Xhamela 2	
Nov 16: East Cowes Victoria (H) .....	.W 3-1
Hutchings 2, Hethershaw	
Nov 23: Pewsey Vale (A) .....	.L 2-0
Nov 30: Team Solent (H) .....	.L 5-1
Hutchings	
Dec 7: New Milton Town (H) .....	.L 3-0
Jan 11: Ringwood Town (A) .....	.L 3-1
Waite	
Jan 25: Petersfield Town (A) .....	.L 14-0
Feb 22: Fleet Spurs (A) .....	.L 5-0
Feb 26: Amesbury Town (A) .....	.L 6-2
Keogh, Brown	
Mar 4: Tadley Calleva (H) .....	.L 2-0
Mar 15: Andover Town (H) .....	.L 2-0
Mar 22: Team Solent (A) .....	.L 3-2
Xhamela 2	
Mar 29: Pewsey Vale (H) .....	.L 3-2
Sweeney, Cotter	
Apr 5: US Portsmouth (H) .....	.L 3-2
Cotter, OG	
Apr 12: Hayling United (H) .....	.L 6-0
Apr 15: Laverstock & Ford (H) .....	.W 1-0
Hutchings	
Apr 19: East Cowes Victoria (A) .....	.W 3-0
Hutchings 2, Langton	
Apr 21: Amesbury Town (H) .....	.W 2-1
Hutchings, Waite	
Apr 24: US Portsmouth (A) .....	.L 9-0
Apr 26: Hythe & Dibden (A) .....	.L 7-0

EAST COWES (16th, Wessex 1)

Aug 3: Fleet Spurs (H) .....	.W 2-1
Appell, Elliott	
Aug 10: Pewsey Vale (A) .....	.W 3-1
Appell 2, Sainsbury	
Aug 31: Hayling United (H) .....	.D 2-2
Appell, Newnham	
Sept 7: Tadley Calleva (H) .....	.L 3-1
Elliott	
Sept 14: Petersfield Town (A) .....	.L 5-0
Sept 28: Ringwood Town (A) .....	.W 5-3
Cook 3, Giancovich, Adams	
Oct 5: Andover Town (H) .....	.L 3-1
Newnham	
Oct 12: Fleet Spurs (A) .....	.L 1-0
Oct 19: US Portsmouth (H) .....	.D 1-1
Gregory	
Oct 26: New Milton Town (A) .....	.L 6-0
Nov 2: Ringwood Town (H) .....	.W 5-1
Barlow 2, Adams, Ford, Urry	
Nov 9: Team Solent (H) .....	.L 6-1
Newnham	
Nov 16: Andover New Street (A) .....	.L 3-1
Newnham	
Nov 30: Pewsey Vale (H) .....	.L 5-2
Franklin, Adams	
Dec 7: Amesbury Town (H) .....	.L 4-1
Elliott	
Dec 14: Hythe & Dibden (A) .....	.L 5-0
Jan 21: Cowes Sports (A)L 6-1
Shepherd	
Jan 25: Andover Town (A)L 11-0
Mar 1: Team Solent (A)L 9-1
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Mar 11: Laverstock & Ford (H)D 1-1
Conway	
Mar 18: New Milton Town (H)L 5-0
Mar 25: Petersfield Town (H)L 3-0
Mar 29: Amesbury Town (A) .....	.L 4-2
Thompson, Arnold	
Apr 5: Laverstock & Ford (A) .....	.L 2-0
Apr 8: US Portsmouth (A)L 4-0
Apr 12: Tadley Calleva (A)D 1-1
Verstraeten	
Apr 19: Andover New Street (H)L 3-0
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Apr 26: Hayling United (A)L 2-0



MATCH ACTION: East Cowes take on eventual runners-up Andover Town at the Portway Stadium.

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Non-league News

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Eastleigh face Foyle

EX-SAINTS striker Martin Foyle will be coming face to face with Eastleigh in the Conference Premier next season.

The 51-year-old has been appointed boss of Southport after they parted company with manager John Coleman.

Salisbury-born Foyle has experience of managing in non-League's top flight with Hereford United and York City, whom he took to Wembley for the FA Trophy final in 2009 and the play-off final in 2010.

Bourne stands down

RICHIE Bourne has resigned after six months in charge of former Wessex League outfit Thatcham Town.

Bourne took over the post when former Basingstoke and Eastleigh goalkeeper Scott Tarr was dismissed last October.

The news comes less than a fortnight after the Berkshire outfit announced it was pulling out of the Southern League for financial reasons.

No deal for Bradley

ALDERSHOT Town will not be offering a new deal to former Eastleigh loanee striker Bradley Bubb.

Bubb's four-month contract has expired and the Conference Premier outfit have decided to let him go after a frustrating second spell at the ESS Stadium.

Formerly with Farnborough, Bubb had a successful loan spell with Eastleigh during his first stint at Aldershot and returned to the north Hampshire club in January from Royal Antwerp in Belgium.

Eastleigh face Foyle

HAMPSHIRE Premier League side Otterbourne finished the season on a high with a thrilling 6-5 penalty shootout win over Andover Town in the final of the Andover Open Cup.

With the score tied at 3-3 after extra time, it was left to Jamie Nash to coolly slot home Otters' winning spot kick against an Andover side who had already sealed second place in Sydenhams Wessex One.

Otters are already planning for the 2014/15 campaign.

Following his first full season in charge, manager Richard Luffman is looking to appoint an assistant/first-team coach to support him as the club look to become a major force in the HPL.

Those interested in finding our more should email club chairman Stuart Munro smunro@drewsmith.co.uk

Alresford stick with their winning formula

ALRESFORD Town have unveiled new joint managers to succeed Winchester City-bound Tim Cole and Danny Robinson at the Arlebury Park helm.

The Sydenhams Wessex League Cup winners have confirmed Jeremy Stagg and Martin Beck as the new men in charge.

Midfielder Stagg started his playing career at Saints

and then moved to Andover for six years, but will be best remembered locally for his decade at Bashley where he amassed more than 800 appearances.

He has been at Alresford before, managing his sons at under-18 and reserve team level, after which he landed his first Wessex League managerial post at Lymington Town, working

alongside Danny Barker.

Co-boss Beck also played for Bashley as a 17-year-old under Jimmy Case in 1997 and, following a spell at Winchester City, won three promotions in five seasons at Eastleigh under Paul Doswell, David Hughes and Jason Dodd.

Injury problems plagued the latter stages of the pacy winger's playing career and

he made his first move into management as assistant to Guy Butters at Winchester.

More recently Beck has been turning out for Colden Common, but he feels the time is right to get back into managing.

"Both bring a wealth of playing experience and contacts to their new role and Alresford Town are

delighted to be able to give them a chance to make their own mark with a successful club," said a club statement.

The pair have big shoes to fill with Cole and Robinson having led the Magpies to seven trophies in the last three seasons and runners-up spot in the Sydenhams Premier Division in 2012/13 and 2013/14.

Robinson lauds his partner in crime Cole

DANNY Robinson believes Winchester City have found themselves a "phenomenal" co-manager/coach in Tim Cole.

Between them, Cole and Robinson have guided Alresford Town to the two greatest seasons in club history.

But the joint managers have called it a day at Arlebury Park in favour of trying to steer their old club Winchester City back into the Southern League.

The pair previously worked at Winchester as reserve team bosses during the days when Robinson's cousin Andy Leader was in charge and they are keen to take on a new challenge.

Typically, though, they made sure of stashing some more silverware away on Monday, marking their last game in charge of Alresford with a 7-2 win over Petersfield Town to successfully defend the Sydenhams Wessex League Cup.

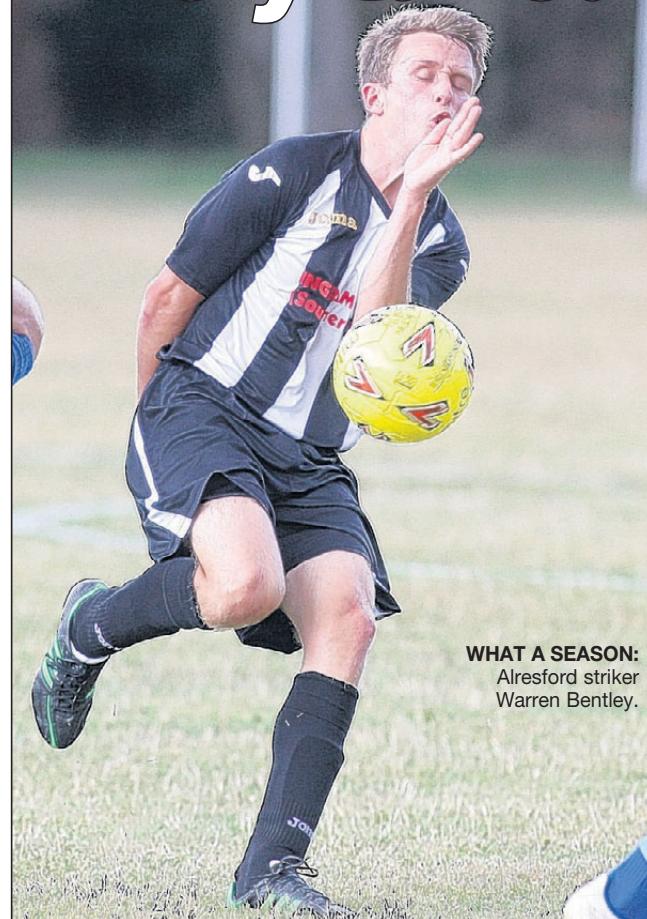
Speaking after the game, Robinson spoke of his high regard for his co-manager, saying: "Tim's a phenomenal coach. Tactics-wise he's the best one I've ever clamped eyes on.

"The things he does to change games from the sidelines and what he tries to implement in



WHAT A SEASON:
Alresford striker Warren Bentley.

Bentley is finely tuned



Whether Bentley will join Cole and Robinson at Winchester remains to be seen.

But it's almost certain that Monday was his farewell Magpies game.

"I was always going to come to an end at some stage, but it's not been a bad couple of years we've had!

"They've proved you don't need money to build a good team.

"Our motivation has been to win football matches with a great bunch of lads."

"I'll probably stay working in the local area and (football-wise) I probably need a new challenge.

"It's sad for the team to be breaking up, but Trevor (Ingram, chairman) has done a great job and he'll look to build a strong team again.

"Hopefully, some of these lads will stay and they'll bring through a few of the reserves who were quality in the (Wyvern League) cup final win over Sholing on Saturday."

HIGH PRAISE: Departing Alresford co-boss Tim Cole.

training are fantastic. We've also got two other great coaches working with us – Dale Clist, the goalkeeping coach, and Carl Whittington, who's got a better CV than anyone's. Those two will be coming to Winchester with us.

"We've got all that coaching skill and I guess I'm just the loud mouth at the end of it all!"

Although Robinson is looking forward to starting work at Winchester, he admits he felt emotional when he woke up on Monday morning knowing the cup final at Bemerton would be his last Alresford game.

"I'm never speechless, but I had a bit of a lump in my throat," he said.

"For six years it's been a work in progress. For the first four years it was very hard work but two years ago it all clicked into place.

"We've won seven trophies in three seasons – six in the last two years – but I still think our biggest achievement was keeping the side in the league during those difficult early days.

"To achieve what the side have with an average age of 23-25 is fantastic.

"It's only ourselves and Thatcham who have successfully retained the Wessex League Cup."

Non-league Football

Doz's admiration for Hill's success

FORMER Eastleigh boss Paul Doswell has sent his sincere best wishes to his old club for achieving their goal of Conference Premier football.

Doswell, whose Sutton United side finished runners-up to Skrill South champions Eastleigh but missed out on promotion in the play-offs, hasn't exactly been the best of friends with Spittfires boss Richard Hill, pictured below.

The pair had a very public spat over finances following last November's tetchy 1-1 draw at Gander Green Lane.

Doswell had set the tone for an ill-tempered afternoon when he spoke of the Spittfires' "exceptional" budget and claimed that his old club were so far ahead of the rest that winning the league should be a "fait accompli".

He later added that he had "no respect whatsoever" for his Stoneham Lane counterpart.

Hill, in reply, hinted that Doswell was not being entirely up front about his own playing budget, claiming: "Whatever people say about Eastleigh, I think you've seen the big money team today, which is Sutton."

Six months later and with the dust having settled on a thrilling Conference South season, Doswell is keen to give Eastleigh a richly deserved pat on the back for their outstanding achievement of joining the non-League elite.

It was Doswell's own dream to take the Spittfires to the Conference National when he first took over as boss back in 2002, when Eastleigh were still a Wessex League club.

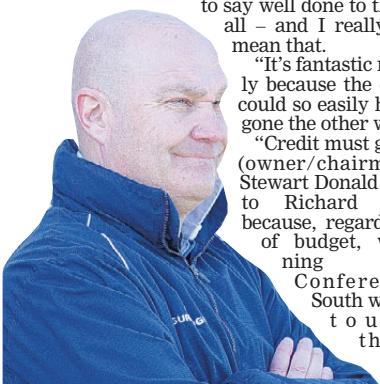
After landing the Wessex title at the first attempt, he delivered Conference South football just two years later via the Ryman Premier play-offs.

He stepped down from Spittfires' management in 2006 and finally severed contact with the club in 2008 when he took the reins at Sutton United, where he has just signed a new four-year deal.

Congratulating Eastleigh on their exceptional season, Doswell said: "I'd like to say well done to them all – and I really do mean that."

"It's fantastic really because the club could so easily have gone the other way."

"Credit must go to (owner/chairman) Stewart Donald and to Richard Hill because, regardless of budget, winning the Conference South was a tough thing to o



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do when you think of where Eastleigh came from.

"I felt they might drop a few points away from home this season, but their home form was astonishing. They've been invincible at the Silverlake.

"I texted Richard Hill after they won the league to say well done and I want to put all the rubbish (the bad feeling between the clubs) to bed now."

"The fact Richard and I didn't see eye to eye during the season was down to us being two very competitive people as much as anything.

"I take my hat off to Stewart, the chairman, who seems as if he's one of the fans, and there are so many other good people at Eastleigh that I'm genuinely pleased for."

"Looking back, it was a bit of a roller-coaster ride taking Eastleigh from a members' club to a shareholding, but that decision has been proved 100 per cent right. There are always Stewart Donalds out there who will take a club on, but it's unusual in football that someone is as true to his word as he has been."

"Seeing all the photos that have appeared in *The Pink* recently has brought back some good memories of what a great time we had at the club with Roger Sherwood and Clive Wilson and I genuinely believe that if Roger, Paul Murray and myself hadn't got it going, it would still be a Wessex club. I feel quite proud of what we achieved back then."

"In the early days we did a lot of publicity stunts like signing Doddsy (Jason Dodd), Matt Le Tissier and Francis Benali and we managed to get crowds up to 700."

"We got Saints' first team there and Rupert Lowe came to open the stand."

"Reading *The Pink*, I saw my daughter Lily when she was eight, my son Connor when he was ten and little Freddie as a baby."

"There are so many good memories and I've got to the stage where I don't want them sullied any more."

"I wish Eastleigh good luck in the Conference Premier – and I think they will do well too. I hope the town gets behind them and they get the crowds they deserve."

"It's great that Sholing have got to the FA Vase final too and I'd like to pass on my congratulations to (manager) Dave Diaper."

"Also, it's good seeing Dave Malone back at Winchester City with Paul Murray. I fancy Winchester to do well next season. They're doing it the right way there."

"We (Sutton) have already arranged a pre-season friendly at Winchester on July 5."



BEST WISHES: Sutton boss Paul Doswell has wished his former club Eastleigh well ahead of their Conference Premier adventure next season.

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Port win feisty final

AFC PORTCHESTER have ended a promising season with some silverware on the shelf.

The Wicor Rec club lifted the Russell Cotes Cup on Wednesday night after seeing off Sydenham Premier neighbours Fareham Town 2-0 on home soil – a feisty encounter ending with three players being shown red.

Former AFC Totton and Folland Sports midfielder Joe Bye, pictured, got the ball rolling for Graham Rix's men, driving past Town 'keeper Luke Douglas from Simon Woods' assist.

Both sides had chances, including a failed penalty appeal by Fareham for a foul on Ash Tattersall, before Louie Castle's doubled Portchester's advantage in the 65th minute.

Woods was again the provider, outpacing his marker and setting Castles up for a cool finish.

The game had a major sting in the tail, however, with three red cards issued in quick succession in the 70th minute.

Goalscorer Bye was the first to get his marching orders for a hefty tackle on Robbie Pittman.

A brawl broke out, resulting in Pittman and Portchester's Joe Noakes also getting their marching orders.



Havant release duo

HAVANT & Waterlooville have announced the departure of two players ahead of Monday night's Hampshire FA Senior Cup final.

Steve Ramsey is moving on after more than 200 appearances for the Hawks, along with fellow midfielder Eddie Hutchinson.

An H&W statement said: "Both players have played an important role in their time with the club."

"Eddie was instrumental in helping us stay in the Conference South when he first joined the club."

Meanwhile, the highlight of Steve's Hawks career was his four-goal salvo against Dorchester last sea-

son."

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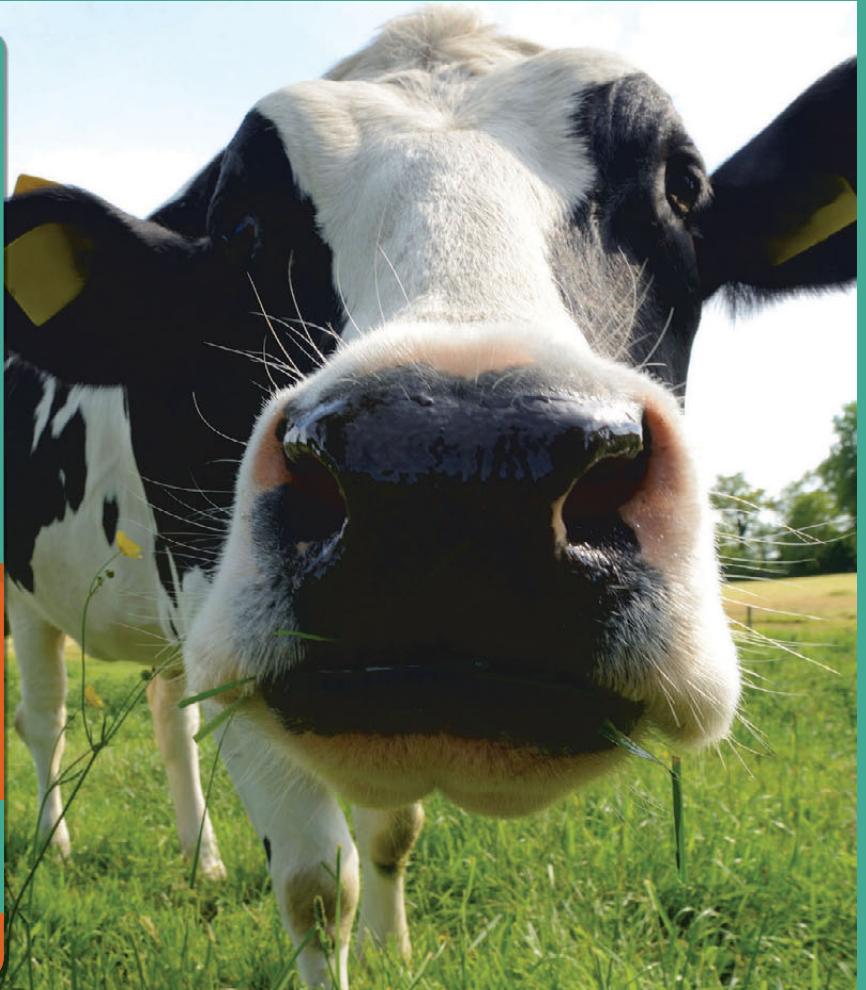


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Tennis star Murray pays tribute to friend Elena

ANDY Murray has paid tribute to family friend Elena Baltacha, who died of liver cancer last Sunday.

The Scot signed a camera with the word 'Bally' and a heart after his 6-1 1-6 6-4 victory over Nicolas Almagro in the second round of Mutua Madrid Open on Wednesday.

Murray had known Baltacha since they were part of the same Scottish team as juniors and his mother Judy remained close friends with the former British women's number one.

"It's been a tough 10 days or so," he told reporters in the Spanish capital.

"I kind of had an idea what was going on with Elena because my mum is obviously very close with her and her husband."

He added: "It does make you think about things and you do realise how lucky you are, and that the most important thing is your health."

"The more time that passes the more people will celebrate everything that Bally did because she was a great character, a great person, she got everything she could out of her potential."

"Everyone wants to be Wimbledon champion and to be number one in the world but not everyone can have that. The best thing you can do is achieve your potential and I believe she did that. That's a big credit to her."

"It's something that every single day you're going to think about. But it's just tough for everyone today. I just wanted to try to go out and play and win, and try to enjoy it."

Right now is not easy."

Murray, who joined fellow players by honouring Baltacha with a minute's silence in Madrid on Monday, made the gesture after coming through a tough test against Almagro to begin his clay-court campaign.

Murray, who had a first-round bye, raced into a 5-0 lead at the start of the match with Almagro only just avoiding a love set.

When he broke serve at the start of the second tie looked a formality, but Almagro won six games in a row to send it to a deciding set.

Murray had to save three break points in the third game of the final set, while Almagro did not drop a point on serve until the eighth game, but the Scot dug deep and took his chance when his opponent served to stay in the match.

However, Murray crashed out of the tournament at the third-round stage on Thursday as he suffered a straight-sets defeat to Colombia's Santiago Giraldo.

Murray produced a disappointing display which saw his opponent, ranked 38 places below him at 46th in the world, rarely troubled en route to a 6-3 6-2 victory and a quarter-final meeting with Spain's Roberto Bautista Agut.

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FULL STRETCH: James Shipp, top, saves the first Burridge penalty to secure Solent's penalty shoot-out victory in the League Trophy final – and Burridge players react, above.

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JOY: Burridge's Danny Charlton equalises in the last minute, left, to send the game to penalties.

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GLORY BOYS: Solent celebrate their penalty shoot-out triumph.



BURRIDGE threatened an upset in the Trophy final before Solent Saints won 5-3 a dramatic penalty shoot-out after a 2-2 draw – with goalkeeper James Shipp emerging as the hero.

Simon Greaves gave the underdogs a shock lead by chasing down what had looked a lost cause before lobbing to the far post, where the unmarked Ryan Gonyore headed home, *writes SIMON WALTER*.

But two penalties from Dave Finnegan either side of half-time gave Solent a 2-1 lead, before Dan Charlton's late equaliser set up a tense penalty shoot-out.

James Shipp, in the Solent goal, made a great save from the first Burridge penalty – pictured above.

But the tension mounted as the others were all converted, with Nathan Dale netting the decisive spot-kick.

• **HYTHE** Aztecs completed a trophy treble thanks to an injury-time winner from Paul Joyce in the Southampton FL Veterans League Cup final.

Super sub Joyce thundered in a glorious winner as Aztecs beat Sporting BTC 2-1, adding the SFL Vets Cup to the Vets A title and the SDFA Vets Cup.

But they did not have it all their own way.

Sporting BTC withstood all their early pressure and took the lead through Dave McIntosh, despite going down to ten men.

Paul Harfield grabbed the Aztecs' equaliser, which looked to be enough to ensure penalties would be required. But Joyce had other ideas.

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Cook sure he is the right man to lead England

ALASTAIR Cook knows he is the "right guy" to continue as England captain – because two of his trusted team-mates have told him so.

England's Test and one-day international captain did no small amount of soul-searching after last winter's Ashes campaign went so badly wrong.

Other central figures in a previously successful regime have left their posts.

But Cook, such a binding force at the top of the order, is back for more in both roles at the start of a summer in which he and returning head coach Peter Moores must quickly rediscover a winning formula.

As he reflected on England's 5-0 drubbing in Australia, and the 4-1 ODI defeat which followed, Cook sought others' advice – and what came his way from Twenty20 captain Stuart Broad and his club-and-country team-mate Ravi Bopara settled any doubts.

"It's a huge honour to be captain of your national side," he said.

"It's a huge privilege and makes you feel very special – and you want to continue that."

"But you've got to be the best man for the job."

"When you're losing games of cricket you can doubt yourself."

"But I chatted a lot to Stuart Broad and Ravi in particular, and they said 'You must carry on, you're the right guy'."

"It's nice to hear that."

Cook did contemplate a resignation, but decided – less than two years into his captaincy, and with a series success in India and home Ashes victory also under his belt – he should continue.

"After a long gruelling winter, I certainly gave it consideration and I would have been wrong if I hadn't," he said.

"We lost a lot of games of cricket; we hadn't played to the standard that side were capable of, and the stuff we were doing wasn't making a difference."

"If you don't question yourself as a leader then, you never will."

There was, however, a steadfast union of backing behind him – led by the England and Wales Cricket Board's new managing director Paul Downton.

"It was great that a lot of members of the side were very supportive, and ECB and Paul Downton have backed me."

"I've got to repay that faith with good performances."



ALASTAIR COOK

BOOK of the WEEK

Lanterne Rouge
The Last Man in the Tour de France
By Max Leonard

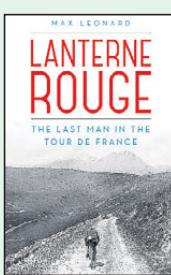
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BBC football pundit Alan Hansen may not be everyone's cup of tea, but his frequent espousal of what professional sport is all about: "first is first and second is nowhere," drummed into him during his days at Anfield, offers viewers an insight into the serial winners' mindset.

It might be interesting to learn what Hansen thinks of Max Leonard's well-balanced argument, made with reference to the Tour de France, that the lanterne rouge, the title given to the man finishing last in the race's general classification, is not a loser at all.

"Some," says Leonard, "see the lanterne rouge as a joke... others as a survivor's badge of honour awarded to a man nobly struggling against the odds." The author is squarely positioned in the latter camp.

After abandoning one stage of the Tour himself (each year amateurs are given the opportunity to ride a stage of the world's greatest cycling race) following a prolonged encounter with appalling weather conditions, Leonard decided to write his extremely well-researched book. He had grown tired of listening to the platitudes poured out by media-savvy winners who talk about "focus, toughness and achieving one's dream" and decided to turn his attention to those guys who bring up the rear.



What, he asks the reader, keeps men going in the certain knowledge that they're about to be the recipient of a symbolic lanterne rouge, handed to the man at the back of the Tour's peloton? The description originated on French railways for the red lantern is one that used to hang from the rear of a train.

Leonard argues that assuming a rider completes the Tour after enduring physical and psychological agony, is it right that he is branded a loser? It's a strong argument and he offers numerous examples of riders who were just as courageous as the eventual Tour winner yet they were afforded little in the way of kudos.

It was undoubtedly easier to make a case for describing the lanterne rouge as a noble battler in the days before widespread sponsorship, luxury coaches, team masseurs and energy drinks that accompany the Tour nowadays. However, Leonard's argument is a worthy and an occasionally amusing one which makes us examine how we define the difference between winning and losing. The gap is not that wide.

QUIZ QUESTION:

We've teamed up with Sports Book of the Month & have a copy of *LANTERNE ROUGE* to give away.

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Youth Football



NATIONAL RULE: Itchen players celebrate English Colleges Under-18 Women's FA Cup success.

GOAL-DEN SEASON FOR ITCHEN GIRLS

IT'S been goals all the way for Itchen's trophy winning girls this season – and there's the promise of more to come!

They ran in a spectacular 52 strikes in winning the English Colleges Under-18 Women's FA Cup, which climaxed with a 12-0 thrashing of York in the final, **writes MIKE VIMPANY**.

That half-century of goals came on top of the 41 they scored in four English Schools FA Cup ties this season before Solihull knocked them out in the fifth round.

No wonder Chichester are trembling in their boots ahead of Wednesday's Hampshire Sixth Form College Women's Cup final at Southampton Solent University's Test Park stadium, 2pm.

Millie Farrow scored eight of the goals as Itchen College routed York 12-0 to become English Schools' FA national cup winners.

The Fareham teenager, who recently celebrated her 18th birthday, bagged a hat-trick inside 12 minutes and by half-time had scored five of Itchen's seven goals.

She added three more after the break as Itchen chalked up a record ESFA cup final win.

Scoring goals is nothing unusual for Millie, who was selected for

ITCHEN'S ECFA CUP WINNING RUN

Richmond College	13-0
Priory School	7-0
Barking Abbey	6-4
Brockenhurst	18-0
Exeter	6-0
York	12-0

England Under-15s when she was at Cams Hill School, Fareham.

She is now a rising star with Chelsea Ladies and recently helped the Blues beat Manchester City to reach the semi-finals of the FA Women's Cup.

The other Itchen goals came from captain Laura Rafferty, midfielder Chloe Dark and two winger Atlanta Primus.

It was a case of third time lucky for the Itchen girls, who had reached the ESFA final on two other occasions in the past three years, suffering the heartbreak of losing last season's final in 4-3 extra-time to Accrington and Rossendale, from Lancashire, so this year's success was particularly sweet for the second year students.

Coach Steve Perkins was delighted with the win, and in particular, with the way in which the team played.

"Some of the girls were clearly nervous before the game, but they all played superbly, and it

was a joy to watch.

"The scoreline suggests that the opponents were weak, but this was far from the case.

"They came into the game with an excellent reputation and with some top players, but it was our best performance of the season and we were clinical in front of goal.

"When York did threaten, they found our goalkeeper Dee Alollo in top form."

Perkins continued: "This caps off a tremendous season, and we're all really proud of the girls.

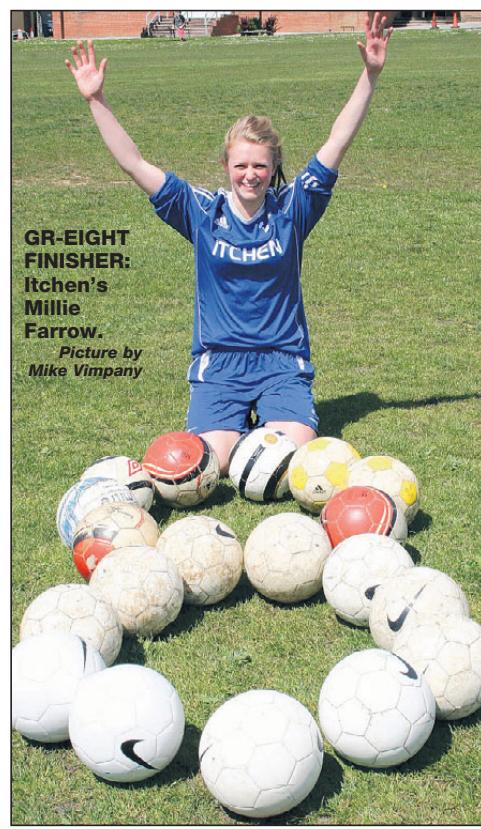
"They've made huge progress over the course of the season, both individually and collectively. It's a massive achievement for a relatively small college."

Recent years have seen a significant growth in the women's game, with a sharp increase in media attention.

The leading women's teams across the country are closely linked with clubs such as Chelsea, Arsenal, Liverpool and Manchester City, and the approach is now much more professional.

Jodie Brett, one of Itchen's most talented players was unable to play in the final due to her Chelsea commitments.

Many of the Itchen players hope to follow Jodie's lead and progress to the new FA Women's Super League, while others are aiming for an American Football Scholarship after college.



GR-EIGHT FINISHER:
Itchen's
Millie
Farrow.

Picture by
Mike Vimpny

Youth Football



Double delight for Shirley High

UPPER Shirley High, pictured above, completed a City of Southampton Schools FA Under-16 League and Cup double when they thrashed Priestlands 6-0 in the final at Colden Common.

Headers by the influential Travis Lodge and Damian Slawkowski – the second a particularly fine goal – gave Upper Shirley a 2-0 half-time cushion.

Lymington-based Priestlands enjoyed their best spell of the game immediately after the break, but any prospects they had of getting back into the contest ended when Slawkowski was sent sprawling in the box and Ellis Roy tucked away the resulting penalty.

Two goals by Omar Mohammed either side of a fifth goal by Emyln Jones wrapped it up.



HAPPY FACES: Redbridge School's Under-12s are all smiles after beating Bitterne Park 3-1 to win the City of Southampton Schools' FA Alec Perkins Cup. After going a goal down early in the game, Redbridge soon equalised through Jake Drewery's fine strike. Once on level terms, Redbridge enjoyed superior possession, which resulted in further goals through Owen Plunkett and a second strike from Drewery.



CELEBRATION TIME: Swanmore pictured with the Hampshire Schools FA Under-16 Cup. Top (from left): Josh Robinson, Tom Cawte, Hew Richards, Phil Kendall, Matt Knibbs, Mickey Locke. Bottom: Steven Fazackerley, Ben Shafie, Adam Redwood, Will Gailer, Tom Fripp, Alfie Whittingham, Harry Weeks, Sam Beard.

SWANS COME ON STRONG

SWANMORE won the Hampshire Schools FA Under-16 Cup when they beat Robert May's, from Odiham, 2-0 in a tense final at Winklebury.

Second half goals by Harry Weeks and Tom Fripp won it for Swanmore, whose victory more than made up for the disappointment of losing last year's under-15 final to Calthorpe Park at Fratton Park, writes MIKE VIMPANY.

The first half was a predictably tense affair and it

took a while for both teams to settle.

Robert May's caused Swanmore some problems in midfield but the Swans gradually got a grip of proceedings, and after a goal-less first half, struck two vital blows in the second period to lift the trophy.

Gareth Richards, Swanmore's coach, heaped praise on his team, who knocked much fancied Testwood out in the semi-finals.

"Hew Richards was superb at centre back and didn't put a

foot wrong all night. He looked a very mature, calm and influential player," he said.

"Tom Fripp and Alfie Whittingham worked tirelessly in midfield and Harry Weeks was a constant threat up front.

"Matt Knibbs had an excellent second half and really tested the Robert May's defence."

Swanmore had knocked out Sandown Bay 2-0, Neville Lovett 2-1, John Hanson 1-0, Mountbatten 2-1 and Testwood 2-1 to reach the final.



SOUTHERN STARS: Southampton Saints Girls & Ladies FC under-11s with Liverpool legend Ian Rush after being presented with the ESF (South) Festival of Football trophy.

SOUTHAMPTON Saints Under-11s have won the ESF (South) Festival of Football – after going goal crazy.

The girls team has progressed to the National Finals in Coventry in July after scoring 32 goals without reply in just five matches.

Larissa White top scored with ten goals and her strike partner, nine-goal Charlotte Webb, was named the team's Player of the Festival. Grace Griffiths also scored nine, including two of the team's six hat-tricks, while goalkeeper Emily Gardner kept five clean sheets.



EASTLEIGH U16s: Won the City of Southampton Youth League Challenge Cup with a 5-3 penalty shoot-out victory over AFC Totton. The match had been deadlocked at 0-0 after extra time.

AFC TOTTEN will be holding trials/training sessions for next season's under-16 team which will be playing in the City of Southampton Youth League.

They will take place at Testwood School, Totton from 6-8pm on Wednesday 4th, 11th and 18th of June (on grass).

If you are interested in attending these sessions, contact Shawn Kitcher (AFC Totton U16 manager) on 07824 668747 or 023 8122 2875 with your name, preferred position and previous club. You can also email Shaun at skitcher7@sky.com.

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Hampshire Cricket Spotlight

HAMPSHIRE FIXTURES

April

6 Worcestershire (CC) Ageas Bowl

Hampshire 263 (Ervine 93, Adams 67) and 27-1 drew with Worcestershire 350-7 (Coles 3-58)

13 Gloucestershire (CC) Bristol

Hampshire 422 (J Vince 144, A Wheater 82) and 215-2 (M Carberry 100no, J Vince 58no) beat Gloucestershire 302 (K Abbott 5-67, J Tomlinson 4-68) and 322 by eight wickets.

20 Derbyshire (CC) Derby

Hampshire 328 (W Smith 70, J Gatting 67) and 236-3 (J Adams 84, J Vince 50no, M Carberry 47) drew with Derbyshire 399 (K Abbott 4-84).

27 Surrey (CC) Ageas Bowl

Hampshire 400-6 (J Vince 156, J Adams 65) drew with Surrey 99-2.

May

5 Cardiff MCCU (Uni) Ageas Bowl

Hampshire 383-8 dec (L McManus 108) and 212-3 dec (L McManus 106*) drew with Cardiff 173 all out and 165-4.

11 Glamorgan (CC) Ageas Bowl

16 Glamorgan (T20) Ageas Bowl

18 Leicestershire (CC) Leicester

23 Sussex (T20) Hove

25 Middlesex (T20) Northwood

30 Essex (T20) Ageas Bowl

June

1 Derbyshire (CC) Ageas Bowl

5 Kent (T20) Ageas Bowl

8 Worcestershire (T20) New Road

13 Somerset (T20) Taunton

15 Essex (CC) Ageas Bowl

20 Gloucs (T20) Ageas Bowl

25 Glamorgan (T20) Cardiff

27 Surrey (T20) Oval

28 Surrey (CC) Oval

July

4 Kent (T20) Canterbury

6 Somerset (T20) Ageas Bowl

7 Gloucs (CC) Ageas Bowl

11 Middlesex (T20) Ageas Bowl

13 Essex (CC) Colchester

18 Sussex (T20) Ageas Bowl

22 Essex (T20) Chelmsford

26 Derbyshire (RLC) Derby

27 Lancashire (RLC) Old Trafford

31 Gloucs (RLC) Bristol

August

6 Leicestershire (RLC) Ageas Bowl

8 Northants (RLC) Ageas Bowl

11 Worcs (RLC) Ageas Bowl

13 Essex (RLC) Chelmsford

14 Sri Lanka A (Tour) Ageas Bowl

15 Kent (CC) Canterbury

21 Yorkshire (RLC) Ageas Bowl

31 Leicestershire (CC) Ageas Bowl

September

15 Kent (CC) Ageas Bowl

23 Glamorgan (CC) Cardiff

Key: CC = county championship, T20 = NatWest T20 Blast. RLC = Royal London Cup (50 overs).

THE MAX FACTOR

Overseas duo make Hants favourites to win NatWest T20 Blast



RECORD-BREAKING FORM: Glenn Maxwell has starred in this year's Indian Premier League.

Simon Walter

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CRICKET REPORTER

THERE are many reasons why Hampshire are the bookies' favourites to win the NatWest T20 Blast.

Not least is the fact that Hampshire will soon boast the world's most in-form T20 player in Glenn Maxwell, who earlier this week produced his most extraordinary performance yet at this year's Indian Premier League.

Maxwell's 38-ball 90 ensured that Kings XI Punjab beat Chennai Super Kings and replaced them at the top of the IPL table.

His innings included EIGHT sixes (only Kevin Pietersen and Chris Gayle have scored more in an IPL innings) and after yesterday's 11-ball 25 against Royal Challengers Bangalore, he now has a runs aggregate of 460, at an average of 57.5 and a staggering strike rate of 204.4 (his IPL career strike rate of 182 is the highest by anyone with more than 125 runs in the competition's seven-year history).

In Kyle Abbott, Hampshire also have one of the world's most effective 'death bowlers' in the shortest form of the game.

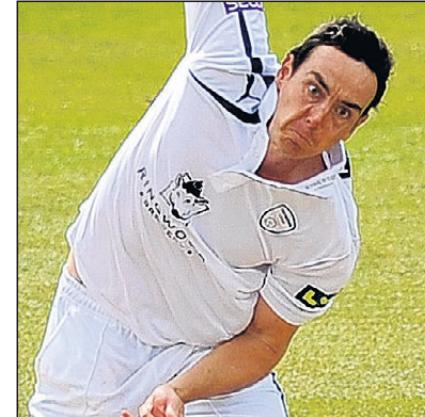
Abbott starred as his province, the Sunfoil Dolphins, won the Ram Slam T20 challenge in March.

If he can replicate the form he showed in taking 16 wickets at 18 apiece from 12 games during South Africa's domestic T20 tournament, Hampshire should have no problem qualifying for the quarter-finals for a sixth successive season.

It is hard to see anyone beating Hampshire when Maxwell and Abbott are both available.

No other side has two overseas players of the same quality. Indeed, only a few other counties have registered two overseas players.

Three of Hampshire's South Division rivals have recruited well in Middlesex (Chris Rogers



DEATH BOWLER: Kyle Abbott.

and Dan Christian), Sussex (Yasir Arafat and Steve Magoffin) and Somerset (Dirk Nannes and Alviro Petersen).

But the North Division trio of Yorkshire (Kane Williamson and Aaron Finch), Derbyshire (Shivnarine Chanderpaul and Marcus North) and Warwickshire (Jeetan Patel and Shoaib Malik) are the only other counties with two overseas players.

And it is fair to say you would not swap Maxwell and Abbott for any of them.

When you consider the young but experienced heads of James Vince, Hampshire's new T20 captain, Liam Dawson and Danny Briggs as well as senior players such as Michael Carberry and Jimmy Adams, it is easy to understand why Hampshire have been installed as 5/2 favourites.

Maxwell's IPL adventure means he will probably miss the first four of Hampshire's 14 group games and play his first game for the club since the 2012 Champions League at home to Kent on June 5.

It is hoped that he will be available thereafter, with Cricket Australia keen for him to learn to play all formats in English conditions.

Abbott may well be away in July/August, when South Africa tour Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe.

But it looks as though Maxwell and Abbott will be playing in tandem in June and early July, which should enable Hampshire to gain the momentum they will need to reach Finals Day for a record fifth successive season.

The revamped domestic T20 competition sees the shortest format introduced earlier than ever, with Hampshire's first game on Friday, against Glamorgan at The Ageas Bowl.

Chris Wood is unavailable as he continues to recover from microfracture surgery on his right knee.

But Matt Coles is a signing for all formats and, like Abbott, will be a great asset with bat as well as ball.

Vince is an inexperienced captain, but there is no reason why his opening partnership with Michael Carberry should not flourish in their second season of T20 unison at the top of Hampshire's order.

Danny Briggs will also be determined to prove a point after being dropped by England and could become only the third player to reach a century of domestic T20 wickets this year, after Yasir Arafat and Azhar Mahmood (although the likes of Tim Murtagh, James Tredwell, Graham Napier and Gareth Batty are not far off either).

The T20 Blast's regular Friday night slot will also feature several new attractions off the field, including giant replay screens that will enable a second look at the action, even when Sky Sports are not there.

Hampshire are also promising more crowd interaction and a new female dance troupe to rival those at the IPL, with more details to be revealed next week.

It promises to be a competition to remember, especially if Hampshire can add the trophy to those they won in 2010 and 2012.

Possible Hampshire T20 team against Glamorgan: Carberry, Vince, Adams, Ervine, Dawson, Smith, Gatting, Wheater, Abbott, Coles, Briggs.

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Local Cricket Spotlight

Adams targeting Andover step up

AFTER a flux of arrivals during cricket's winter 'transfer window'

Andover are aiming for a promotion push in this season's Division 1 campaign.

They dramatically avoided relegation in their final game last summer under the guidance of Jonty Hadfield and the London Road club have been quick to bolster their squad.

Seam bowler Mike Adams is the man to take on the side, replacing Hadfield (who through work commitments in Surrey has joined East Molesey), and he has his sights on delivering promotion.

Adams stated: "Obviously losing Jonty is a big loss, he did a fantastic job in keeping us in the first division for the last two years, but now the time has come to push on and hopefully we can be in the promotion mix up come the end of the season."

Former Alton and Totton & Eling all-rounder David Taylor has joined the squad, as has Lymington's Glyn Treagus, while the overseas' slot is taken up by



BYRON HAYCOCK

South African Byron Haycock, who led Waterlooville's Hampshire League title charge with more than 1,100 runs last term.

Adams expressed his excitement at the additions, saying: "The signing of two high quality experienced cricketers in Taylor and Treagus is great news for the club. "They will offer us options with both bat and ball and they were in good nick in the pre-season matches – before it began to rain!"

Left-hander Haycock, who spent this past winter playing in Boland in the Cape Province, has replaced 697-run New Zealander Greg Dawson.

Washed out at Hursley Park last week, Andover were due to host New Milton at London Road today.

Love hurts: Hook skipper KO'd

HOOK and Newnham Basics' new captain Matt Love will miss the opening month of the Southern Electric Premier League, Division 1 season due to a shoulder injury picked up playing football.

He and his Hook teammates were left kicking their heels when the side's opening game against New Milton was called off due to the waterlogged King George V Ground outfield.

The situation looked very bit as bleak for today's match with Sarisbury Athletic – the notoriously wet KGV outfield being left saturated by yesterday's rain and with more forecast.

When he's fit, opening batsman Love will take the helm from Ross Hunter, who guided Hook to fifth spot last term, as they just missed out on a top-three place after a loss on the last weekend of the season.

Hook's side for this season looks a lot stronger as two former players, Shane Brewer and explosive all-rounder Jordan Hobday, are back with the club.

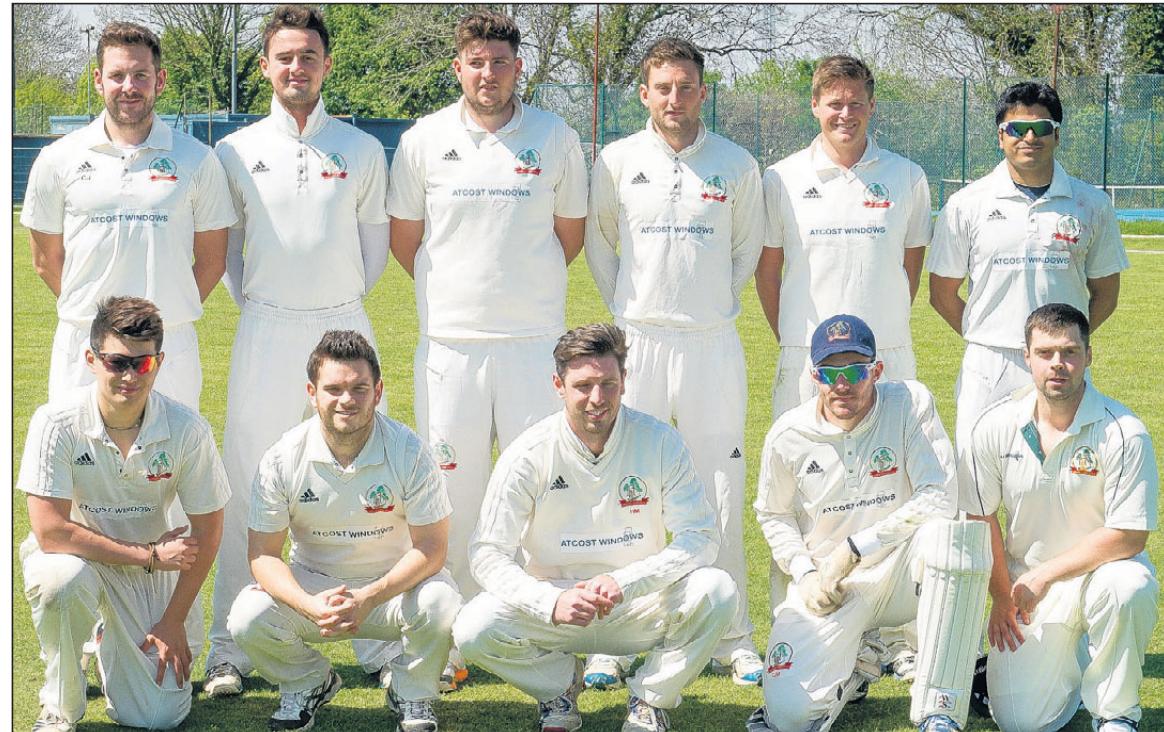
Hobday is fit again after missing two seasons with a knee injury sustained playing in Australia.

Richard Willcock and Hunter, who both missed a large chunk of last year's campaign, will be back at the end of May.

Further additions to the team include Spencer Champ, an opening bowler who has joined from Ryman Surrey Championship club Sutton, and RAF all-rounder Gary Binns.

Hampshire under-16 middle order batsman Kieran Thomson is another addition from Eversley.

Love said: "I can't wait for the season to start and we have a very good squad of players for this season, but Sarisbury today was a tough start."



It's not been the best of starts for Fawley, who crashed to a seven-wicket defeat by Division 1 rivals Liphook & Riosley before bowing out of the ECB Royal London national club championship against Sarisbury Athletic. Fawley were due to play Bournemouth at Chapel Gate today. Pictured (back row, from left): Paul Marks, Wayne Royen, Dave Streather, Andy Parratt, Wayne Smith, Tom Gates. Front: Kieran Earl, Andy McElhenny, Elijah Turriff-Smith, Callum Earl, James Woolgar.

FROUD'S MEN LAY DOWN DIVISION 1 TITLE MARKER

NO ONE lifts a championship on the back of winning its first game of the season, but the 109-run victory Basingstoke & North Hants pulled off at Sarisbury Athletic may prove a hugely significant result in the Southern Electric Premier League Division 1 cricket season.

The game was Basingstoke's first in SPL1 following promotion at the end of last season, while Sarisbury Athletic won the title two years ago and finished second to Burridge last season, writes MIKE VIMPANY.

It was a real test of the Bountymen's capability in Division 1, but one they passed in fine style, batting sensibly on a tricky Allotment Road surface to make 221 before bowling excellently as a unit to dismiss their hosts for 112 in reply.

The win gave Basingstoke a head start, especially with three of the five SPL1 games washed out.

Captain Chris Froud said: "It's a brilliant start to the season for us. We were all a bit worried coming to Sarisbury, because it was a big challenge for us. To beat them in the first game is massive."

Things got off to a tricky start and the

Bountymen seemed to be struggling at 82-3 halfway through their innings, but all-rounders Martyn James (67) and Graham Porter (25) took the game to the hosts, putting on 75 from ten overs as Basingstoke reached 221-8 from their 50 overs.

The Sarisbury innings began in a very similar way to Basingstoke's, but a flurry of wickets turned the game decisively in Basingstoke's favour.

Three wickets in the space of three overs saw the hosts go from 52-1 to 53-4, while spinners David Pistorius (3-21) and Matt Thankachan (3-11) did the rest of the damage as the Bountymen claimed a very good win.

Winning at Sarisbury wasn't the only boost to Basingstoke's season.

In addition to signing Eversley's overseas all-rounder Andy Niblett, Basingstoke will have title winning 2013 captain Dan Coombs, pictured right, available all season.

Coombs, who made almost 650 runs in last season's championship triumph, stepped down as skipper on the basis he was emigrating to Australia.

But visa difficulties mean Coombes will be at May's Bounty for the entire season – a definite boost for Basingstoke's prospects.



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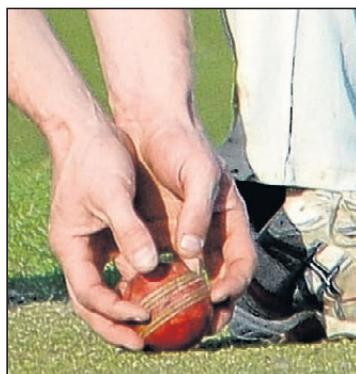
How wows on SEPL debut

TEENAGER Michael Howorth, pictured, christened his Southern Electric Premier League debut for Sparsholt with a half-century, followed by an important bowling spell in the tense four-run win at Hartley Wintney.

Howorth, who has joined Sparsholt from Compton & Chandler's Ford and is a member of the Hampshire under-16 squad, hit 54 and, along with Ed Jenner (53), helped the Winchester visitors reach 209 after being put in on the historic Cricket Green.

At 131-2 and with Danny Flanders (56) and Danny Plume (34) going well, Hartley looked probably winners, but as the run rate increased so HW lost wickets – four late ones falling for nine runs as they finished four runs short at 205-8.

Howorth certainly played his part with the ball, taking 2-25 – besides having to bowl the crucial final over with HW 11 runs short of victory.



They don't use slow-mo, have video technology or engage TV umpires in Southern Electric Premier League cricket.

But, if they did, this catch taken in the Hartley Wintney-Sparsholt match – and photographed by Dave Vokes of LMI Photography – would certainly warrant a few video replays!

What do you think?

Is the catch clean?

The umpires thought so – and Hartley Wintney all-rounder Matt Digweed departed to the pavilion, caught and bowled ...

Swain steers Hants home

HAMPSHIRE Over-60s have enjoyed a double helping of success in their opening county championship matches this week.

The A-side beat Gloucestershire by seven wickets, with the B team winning by a four-wicket margin against Sussex.

Mike Swain's unbeaten 58, a knock of great patience on a tricky Stroud surface, won the day for Hampshire, who chased down a Gloucestershire total of 144-9.

Andy Yorke (3-27) and Jim Smallbone (2-35) took the bowling credits, but it was Swain's half-century, aided by Paul Woolf (30), which won the day.

Gloucestershire's side included Jeff Chandra, the former Hyde Ramblers cricketer.

John Paine (4-21) and skipper Peter Green starred in Hampshire's B's four-wicket win over Sussex, who were dismissed for 142.

Green (47) and Woolf (27) eased Hampshire home.

New boys given "reality check"

PORPSMOUTH skipper Dave Henderson accepts his newly promoted side got a "reality check" when Division 2 rivals Calmore Sports beat them by 72 runs at St Helen's, Southsea, last weekend.

"We won our last 12 games to take the Division 3 title at the end of last season and maybe came into the Calmore match a little over-confident," he admitted.

"Our problem was we failed to get the basics right. Too many catches were dropped and we missed a couple of run outs."

"Then, when we batted, we allowed Calmore to pin us down and we fell behind the run-rate. It was difficult to recover after that."

To Calmore's credit, though, they were in the driving seat from the off, with Jack Holden (47), their overseas player from Melbourne, and Mark Lavelle (27) putting 92

runs on the board as Portsmouth gifted too many extras (43) for their own liking.

After that, the promising Ben Johns (67) and Darren Vann (44) shared a century partnership to put Calmore out of sight.

Left-hander Johns, who made a century on Premier League debut against Tichborne Park last season, is developing into a really talented player.

In his GCSE year at Houndsdown, Johns should be a fairly automatic choice for Hampshire under-16s this summer.

Portsmouth were seldom at the races replying to 234-7 and teenage pair Harry Collier (32) and James Palmer-Goddard (29) were the only batsmen to make their mark as left-arm spin pair James Rose (3-30) and Mark Lavelle (2-33) dismissed them for 162.



HALF CENTURY: Ben Johns.

PARLEY'S LUCK IS IN

Double ton hero misses Royal London tie due to Wiltshire commitments

WILTSHIRE play Cornwall in the Minor Counties Trophy at Corsham tomorrow (Sunday) – and no one's probably more pleased than Dorset League champions Parley.

That's because they won't have to bowl at Tom Morton, when South Wilts visit Bournemouth's Dean Park for an ECB Royal London national club championship second round tie, writes MIKE VIMPANY.

Morton and Bemerton teammate James Hayward have opted to play for Wiltshire instead of the Premier League champions.

In red hot form, Morton blasted a double-century in South Wilts' towering 330-4 at Warminster last weekend.

His unbeaten 205 was among the top individual performances in the history of the national club knockout.

Parley didn't need to bowl in anger to 'beat' Lymington – the tie twice being called off due to water-logged pitches and being decided by the toss of a coin.

Unfortunately for Lymington, team manager Tony Wharton called wrongly – and Parley went through.

New Milton chased down a modest 117 (James Taylor 41) to beat Totton & Eling and claim a home tie against Salisbury Athletic, equally comfortable winners over Fawley.

Havant and Portsmouth go head-to-head in round two at The Park tomorrow after winning their respective ties.

Havant overcame Sussex League side Billingshurst by 35 runs, but such a comfortable margin of victory did not appear likely at one stage of their first round tie.

Like Billingshurst later in the



TOM MORTON: Hit an unbeaten 205 for South Wilts.

day, they encountered problems against the new ball and were in some difficulty at 82-6 (Peter Hopson 38) before the lower order

retrieved a tricky situation.

Skipper Stuart Ransley (42), teenager Harry Hovey (25) and Jez Bulled (24) more than doubled the Havant score and an eventual 191 all out proved beyond reach of the visitors.

The Billingshurst reply mirrored that of Havant – their response reaching 88-6, with Hampshire Academy prospect Andy Gorvin (2-15) and Ransley (2-42) making inroads.

Andy Barr's 49 not out took Billingshurst to 156 as Ben Walker (3-15) got among the lower order.

Portsmouth pulled off a creditable four-wicket win over Ryman Surrey Championship side Normandy – with just two balls to spare!

Normandy posted 219-5 but were put on the back foot as Portsmouth responded with a strong start through James Mitchell (27), Andy Martin (25) and Farshan Jemildar (33).

Dave Henderson (51) carried on the positive work, but it needed a timely 38 not out from teenager Jack Marston to get Portsmouth home.

Not so fortunate were Basingstoke & North Hants, who went out to Valley End, who made 208-5 from their 45 overs, with Ryan Connor taking 3-48.

Basingstoke fell well short, skipper Chris Froud top-scoring with 35 as they were restricted to 151-8 in reply.

Froud added: "It was disappointing because we did not play very well. It's a competition we probably were not going to win and it can become a distraction, so going out is not a disaster, but the way we played was disappointing."

Tomorrow's ECB Royal London Club Championship round 2 fixtures: Havant v Portsmouth, New Milton v Salisbury Athletic, Parley v South Wilts.

Tasty ties in Davidstow KO

THE Winchester region hosts two tasty Davidstow Village Cup county second round ties tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon, 1pm – provided the pitches dry out!

Easton & Martyr Worthy entertain Hursley Park at Cockets Mead, while a few miles west Sparsholt go head-to-head with Ellingham at Locks Lane.

Other local quarter-final ties include Ampost against Tichborne Park, Rowledge v Blackheath, and Hambledon away at Eversley.

It was unfortunate that Hursley Park and Paultons should be paired together at the opening round stage as they, along with Hambledon, are the strongest local sides.

Raman Prendergast's, pictured below, half-century



won it for HP but Paultons, dismissed for 131 (Collins 44), fought hard before conceding defeat.

Tom Allam clobbered 26 runs off what proved the final over of Tichborne Park's seven-wicket win over Damerham, who made 151-8.

Ed Primmer hit 70 before Allam belted a six and five fours off the 19th over on his way to an unbeaten 73.

Godshill's bowlers must be sick of the sight of Hambledon, who hammered their bowling about for a second consecutive summer.

Dan Hewitt (81) and Joe Collings-Wells (65) led the way as Hambledon piled up 297-5 before Godshill made 113-8 in reply. Mark le Clerq took 4-37.

Former Andover all-rounder Dean Woodhouse starred in Ampost's 100-run victory over Sway, hitting a half-century and later taking five wickets.

He scored 57 as Ampost posted 195 (Ben Parkyn 32) before Sway crashed from 40-0 to 95 all out, courtesy of a Woodhouse nap hand.

Tomorrow's Village Cup second round ties: Ampost v Tichborne Park, Easton & Martyr Worthy v Hursley Park, Eversley v Hambledon, Rowledge v Blackheath, Sparsholt v Ellingham.



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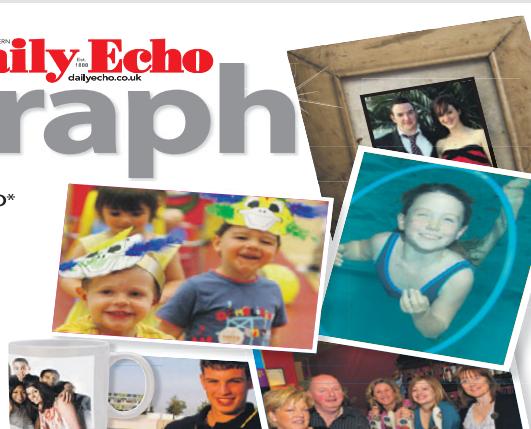
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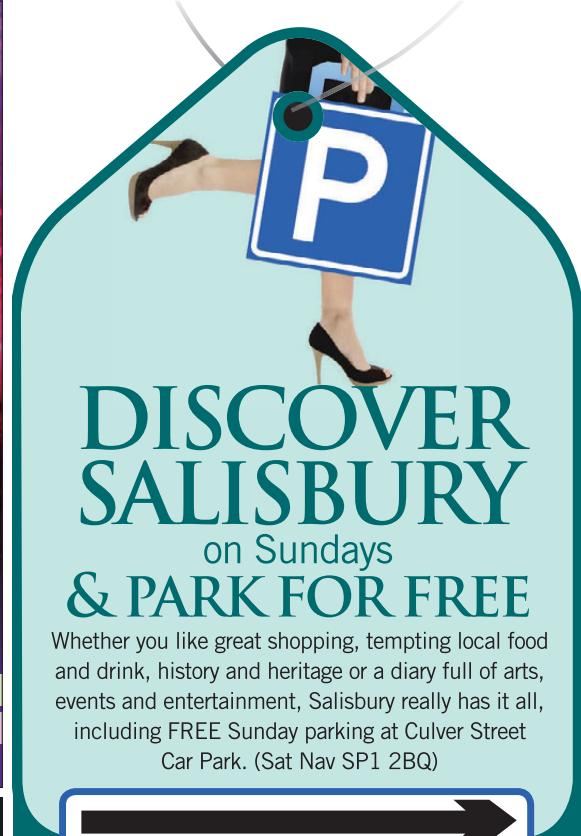
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SHEARER: TAKE LAMBO TO WORLD CUP

Rickie offers Plan B, says England legend

RICKIE LAMBERT should be on the World Cup plane to Brazil to give England an edge from the penalty spot and also provide a Plan B in support of Wayne Rooney, according to former Saint Alan Shearer.

Three Lions boss Roy Hodgson is set to name his squad for the finals on Monday following the end to the Barclays Premier League season.

Although Rooney will miss the chance to come up against Southampton forward Lambert at St Mary's on Sunday because of a minor groin problem, the Manchester United striker is expected to once again lead England's attack on the big stage this summer.

Just who will offer support you can't argue with his record at international level overall," said Shearer, who scored 30 goals from 63 England caps. "Wayne has got 38 goals for England, he is only 11 short of Bobby Charlton's record, and I think he will go on to break it.

"But he needs to go out and have a big tournament with England, and if does that, he will be the key to us having a successful World Cup. When Rooney plays well, England play well.

"I am a fan of Rooney, I think he ticks all the boxes as a player, but for him to be put in the same bracket as Messi or Ronaldo, he needs to have a great tournament in Brazil – although having said that, Messi has yet to set the place on fire at a World Cup as well."

Shearer believes a sense of realism might actually allow England to play with a freedom when for once the expectations of a nation will not weigh heavy on the "Golden Generation".

"I am sick of us coming away from a World Cup, after so many of our players have had great seasons for their clubs, wondering why England have not done themselves justice," he said.

"This time, I don't think many people expect us to do well, and that might work in our favour.

"I just wish an England side could come home from a big tournament and say, truthfully, they gave every last drop."

"My four picks as forwards would be Rooney, Sturridge, Welbeck and Lambert.

"You don't need to play for one of the top four to get a game for England now – look at all the Southampton players who are in contention."

Shearer believes deploying someone like Saints playmaker Adam Lallana behind Sturridge would offer Rooney the chance to shine in his preferred deeper central role and finally make a mark on the World Cup.

"It is a gap in the story of his career which he would like to fill, but he probably hasn't yet gone to a World Cup in the best of fitness and

New Saints deal for Gallagher

STRIKER Sam Gallagher has signed a new four-year deal at St Mary's, Southampton have announced.

The 18-year-old has made 19 senior appearances this season after making his debut against Sunderland in the Capital One Cup against Sunderland in November and has now committed to the club until 2018.

Gallagher, pictured, scored his first goal for the club in the FA Cup win over Yeovil and added to that with a league strike against Norwich at St Mary's in March. "It's been a big year for me and this just tops it off, really," he told the club's official website. "I'm very happy and very proud. I won't forget this day."

He added: "I'm still getting a lot of experience, even from training and being around everyone.

"Now it'll be good to see how I push on next season. I'm looking forward to pre-season because it's my first one with the first team."

"I don't really know what to expect, but I've seen pictures from last year so I know it's going to be tough."

"I know I'm going to have to work hard, but hopefully it will all pay off."



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